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Dear Mr. Lazar:

This is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOI) request dated April 24, 1999.

We have completed a review of the documents and found documents responsive to your request. As you have made similar requests to other Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) offices, to avoid duplication of documents and possibly lower the costs for you, your requests on LET FREEDOM RING, CHRISTIAN YOUTH CORPS and CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST CHRISTIAN are being forwarded to our headquarters in Washington D.C. for processing and release directly to you. to HQ

Please be advised that the FBI receives numerous requests each day and you may expect some delay before any material is available. To maintain consistency and assure that all processing is handled equitably, your request is being placed in a central backlog. Headquarters will maintain your request by order of receipt and will assign it for processing in turn.

FBI Headquarters will give your request a FOIA number and advise you of that number. Any future correspondence concerning this request should be directed to FBI Headquarters FOIPA Section, 935 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D. C. 20535.

A search of Tampa's indices to the Central Records System reveal that (1) CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, and (2) AMERICAN DIGEST have never been the subject of an FBI investigation by this office. However, enclosed are cross reference pages which are identifiable with some of the subjects of your request. Reference are defined as mentions of some of the subjects of your request in files relating to other individuals, organizations, events or activities. Subject one, file 196C-TP-30297 serial 2, 5 pages were reviewed and 4 pages are being released. Subject two, file 196B-2099 serial 18, 9 pages were reviewed and 6 pages are being released.

A search of the name OREN FENTON POTITO shows that file 157-312 was destroyed on January 16, 1978 and file 44-116 was destroyed on April 11, 1979 during routine file destruction. However, "see" references were located. File 100-0 serial 1342, 2 pages were reviewed and 2 pages are being released; serial 1342A, 1 page was reviewed and 1 page is being released; serial 1342B, 1 pages was reviewed and 1 page is being released. Files 56-40 serial 230, 2 pages were reviewed and 2 pages are being released.

Regarding your request for public source information relating to WILLIAM CAMPBELL DOUGLAS, MD, 84 pages were reviewed and 75 pages are being released.

The following materials are from the main investigative file in which the NATIONALIST WHITE PARTY was the subject of the investigation. File 157-5136, consisting of 120 pages of which 66 pages are being released. No other documents were located:

The documents being released to you contains excisions made pursuant to Subsections (b2), (b3) Rule 6(e), (b7C), and (b7D) of Title 5, United States Code, Section(s) 552/552a as noted in the margins. An explanation of these exemptions is enclosed for your convenience:

Please be advised that records that appears to be responsive to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) on CRUSADER OF FLORIDA aka THE CRUSADER, DEWEY MC KINLEY TAFT, CHURCH OF THE CREATOR, and OREN FENTON POTITO have been destroyed. The records destruction practices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) are conducted in full compliance with Title 44, United States Code, Chapter 33 and the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter 12, Subpart 1228. The FBI Records Retention Plan and disposition Schedules have been approved by the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, D.C.

CRUSADER OF FLORIDA aka THE CRUSADER - 157-3112-16 destroyed 1/16/78.

DEWEY MC KINLEY TAFT - 157-27 destroyed 1/14/78 and 157-764 destroyed 1/7/78.

CHURCH OF THE CREATOR - 100A-NY-185226 destroyed 4/1/99.

If you desire, you may appeal any denials contained herein. appeals should be directed in writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530, within sixth (60) days from receipt of this letter. The envelope and

the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal".

Sincerely yours,

Francis A. Gallagher
Special Agent in Charge


By: Peter R. Wubbenhorst
Supervisory Special Agent
Chief Division Counsel

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Symbolism of our
Emblem: The Red
field is for the
Blood of Christ
that was shed for
us. The white
circle is symbolic
of everlasting life
through Christ and
the Cross.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH CORPS

Asks young Christian Americans of Anglo-Saxon Stock to join us in the fight to
save our beloved Nation from the JEW-COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY.

Only the Christian young men of this Nation can save it from the ever tightening
Red-grip that Satan's Children (International Jewry) are fastening upon us.

Prepare yourselves for this Battle for Christ, when the Christ hating Jews
unleash their Red Communist Hordes upon us.

REMEMBER: That Karl Marx was a JEW, whose real name was Moses Mordocci Levi,
the son of the Rabbi. Lenin and Trotsky were also Jews, as are all top Communists

THAT: The Russian Revolution was financed by American Jews Jacob Schiff and Felds,
owner of Felds Naptha Soap Co. More than 21 million Christians have died in
Red purges since.

THAT: International Jewish Bankers (The House of Rothschild) promoted World War I
and succeeded in getting Christian to fight against Christian until 15,000,000
were killed. The JEWS and COMMUNISM were the only profiteers.

THAT: U.S. entry into World War II was conveniently arranged by the Jewish
Brain Trust that ran the (Rosenvelt, his Dutch Jew Name) Administration, to
prevent destruction of Communism by Germany.

THAT: All but one of the Atomic Spys who gave our Atomic Secrets to Russia
were Jews.

THAT: Today Jews control our Government and our money system; And are responsible
for all the Racial strife that is tearing the nation apart by organizing and financing Pro-Communist organizations such as the K.A.A.C.P., C.P.U.R.,
A.C.T. and The BLACK MUSLIMS.

CHRISTIAN Anglo-Saxon young men we ask you to join us in our battle against
Judaistic Communism. Remember what OUR LORD AND SAVOUR JESUS CHRIST said of
the Jews. "You are Satan's Children and his works you do."

All Atheistic Communism is attempting to do is take control of the World for
Satan, and International Jewry is carrying out this plan to the letter.

However, ALMIGHTY GOD is going to give us CHRISTIANS the final VICTORY through
his beloved son when he returns. You had better be fighting on the right
side or you will be destroyed as will be the Jews, and all other enemies of
Christ.

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We are BROTHERS-IN-ARMS with the U. S. RANGERS, THE CALIFORNIA RANGERS, THE MINUTE MEN, THE TEXAS RANGERS, THE GREEN MOUNTAIN BOYS in New England, and many other Smaller localized organizations all of which comprise a vast NATIONAL CHRISTIAN ARMY of over 10,000,000 PATRIOTIC MEN who are ready to defend this Nation against the RED HORDES that will soon attack the United States.

Each man needs the following basic equipment for GUERRILLA WARFARE OPERATIONS.

1. Any Standard Rifle of at least 30 Cal.
2. One Good Quality Hunting Knife, 6" blade.
3. At least 1000 rounds of Ammunition
4. Regulation Canteen-holder-webbed belt.
5. Any suitable type Black Pack on which can be mounted - A good quality sleeping bag- A good quality 2-man tent.
6. Three pair of camouflage fatigues of heavy duck cloth
7. At least one pair of insulated paratroop type boots.
8. Seven day supply of concentrated food packs.
9. At least 500 water purification tablets,
10. Snake bite- and first aid kit.
11. One mosquito bar
12. One camouflaged waterproof poncho.

This is a basic equipment list that will allow you to operate as an effective Guerrilla Unit.

We shall fight from the fields, from the PLAINS, from the SWAMPS, and from the MOUNTAINS, and although OVERWHELMINGLY outnumbered in men and equipment we shall be VICTORIOUS for we have ALMIGHTY GOD on our side and at the PRECISE MOMENT his Heavenly Armies will intervene and give us the VICTORY through the TRIUMPHANT RETURN OF HIS BLESSED SON.

Let us remember the words of our late Christian President who was ASSASSINATED by the ANTI-CHRIST JEW-COMMUNISTS, "I am a Berliner", and in the spirit of these brave people let us prepare to defend our CHRISTIAN HERITAGE FOR ALMIGHTY GOD, for CHRIST, and the NATION.

For more information write to: Colonel Oren F. Potito, [REDACTED]

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ADDRESSES CLUB**Dr. W. Douglass
In 3-Fold Blast**

Dr. William C. Douglass, who has the Let Freedom Ring telephone message, Thursday made a speech in which he charged that a "tremendous conspiracy of silence envelops the nation" as he leveled criticisms at the Sarasota Herald-Tribune, a textbook used in junior high and at the library for not carrying the anti-communist publications he thinks should be there.

In a speech before a civic club, Dr. Douglass said that Sarasotans are "not getting the facts" in the Herald-Tribune. He cited the handling of several news stories relating to race incidents and with Gen. Edwin Walker in a Mississippi race incident. Dr. Douglass charged that the newspaper carried stories relating to the murder of Medgar Evers but not about three incidents involving Negro attacks on white persons.

He attacked a textbook on English literature, saying it is five per cent literature, five per cent subversion and 90 per cent trash. Dr. Douglass also leveled criticism at the Sarasota Library for not having the anti-communist publications he believes it should have, and was

critical of the Library Journal, which describes new books.

Prior to Dr. Douglass' talk, Florida Attorney General James W. Kynes was introduced as a special guest. In his brief remarks Kynes said he was pleased to hear one of the nation's leaders recently say that Florida had practiced prudence without being reactionary and had been progressive without being radical.

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Pratt Criticizes Attack On Library

Glenn M. Pratt, chairman of the Sarasota County Library Advisory Committee, charged Friday that Dr. William Douglass unjustly criticized the library in a speech before a civic club last week.

In the speech Dr. Douglass, who has the Let Freedom Ring telephone messages, criticized the Sarasota Herald-Tribune, a junior high school textbook and the library. He complained that he couldn't find a copy of "The Politician." He said two copies had been donated to the library. He also commented on the Library Journal, saying it is a guide to librarians in selecting books, but that it praises some communistic books and criticizes some anti-communist literary works.

Lewis Van Wezel, chairman of the American Legion's Americanism Committee, said Friday that Dr. Douglass was not speaking for the Americanism committee in "any way, shape or form."

He further stated that Dr. Douglass no longer is a member of the Americanism Committee. Van Wezel said Dr. Douglass was a member of the committee "until recently."

Pratt charged that Dr. Douglass not only "unjustly criticized the library, but ignored the contributions of the American Legion, the Retired Officers' Club and the Sarasota Friends of the Libraries." Pratt said all groups

have contributed generously to material on anti-communism.

"I am thoroughly aware of the shortcomings of the public library in many categories," said Pratt, "but in comparison with its resources in other subjects, anti-communism is adequately covered by 115 volumes, plus booklets.

"On the library's shelves, where anyone who chooses may readily find them, are volumes on the subject selected and donated by the organizations named, as well as additional volumes contributed by individuals and purchased by the library itself.

"Fairness and honesty are also American principles. If there are shortcomings in the library on any subject, the interests of the community will be better served by discussing it with the librarian and then helping the library, either by donating the needed books or providing the cash for the purchase of them.

"The persons who have been trying for more than five years to bring better library service to our community would be greatly encouraged if constructive criticism became a personal effort to improve library resources rather than ~~destroy~~ them."

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Sarasota Right Wing Group Eyes Clearwater

A Sarasota-based right wing group, under attack today by Sen. Jacob K. Javits of New York, told The Sun this morning it is interested in expanding its operation to the Clearwater area.

The group, known as "Let Freedom Ring," researches and prepares information for tape recorded messages and has severely criticized former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the late President John F. Kennedy, U.N. Ambassador Adlai Stevenson, Chief Justice Earl Warren, the late Eleanor Roosevelt and Javits.

Dr. William C. Douglas, who organized the group for national work two years ago, said in Sarasota this morning, "We try to present the news not covered adequately by the American press.

"I do all the research for our documented tapes and stick to the truth. We have not been involved in libel suits although we have been under attack in print by liberals who are not so liberal when more than one side of a story is being told."

Javits, in a Senate speech today urged "Americans to join in a counterattack against right wing as well as left wing groups which spread hate, fear and irresponsibility."

The liberal New York Republican charged that a "radical right group in Sarasota is spreading suspicion, hate, and invective in six states through a series of telephone messages."

He identified the group as "Let Freedom Ring" and said his staff was researching the matter after constituents called his office with reports that someone was making taped messages which claimed he (Javits) had a "100 per cent pro-Communist, America-last voting record."

In his talk on tape he included an account of how U.S. military forces are becoming demoralized and officer resignations doubled in 1963 compared with 1962.

The same tape also claimed that a plan was being developed at the University of Michigan to disarm all Americans of every weapon by the end of 1965 in house-to-house searches by the Army.

Javits said the Pentagon's analysis of that tape "makes it clear how propagandists . . . make full use of half-truths as well as outright falsehoods to give their message the appearance of credibility."

Resignations of regular military officers, he said, did increase 100 per cent between

1962 and 1963 but only because the Berlin crisis forced a freeze on all resignations during most of 1962.

The house-to-house search for arms, Javits said, apparently originated with a group known as the Minutemen, a super-secret group specializing in guerrilla warfare training, and the Defense Department called the charge absurd.

Douglas countered Javits' charges saying, "We do not try to cast suspicion . . . we try to bring out the truth and put the facts before the American people.

"Javits calls anyone fighting the Communists the radical right," stated Douglas.

"We are presently established with recorded telephone messages in Florida, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Colorado, California, Georgia and Massachusetts," Douglas said.

"We are rapidly expanding — a tape service is scheduled for Washington, D.C. in the near future — and we are very interested in bringing our service to the Clearwater area."

General Telephone offices in this city said no applications have yet been received from the group.

In Sarasota, General Telephone Division Manager William Lathrup commented, "Since installing the service we have had sporadic opposition. People usually ask us why we permit the service."

"Actually there's nothing we can do one way or the other as long as the taped messages conform to regulations and are not profane or obscene. It's just freedom of speech as far as we're concerned."

The "programs" are documented by Douglas and sent to the various subscribers in written form. They are then recorded locally.

They are contracted at a 40-per-year basis and portions may be deleted at the discretion of the individual buyer.

Today's recorded message attacked Sen. Hubert Humphrey, the Democratic nomination for vice president.

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"With the President's ailing heart," the message said, Humphrey may be President sooner than you think."

The message attacked Humphrey's association as chairman of the Americans for Democratic Action, labeling the group a Communist-front and saying Humphrey is in constant contact with known Red sympathizers.

The message ends with the note that for \$1 a copy of the talk can be purchased by writing to "Humphrey Disaster" in Sarasota.

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B'nai B'rith Hits Right-Wing Tapes

Taped phone messages entitled "Let Freedom Ring" are under attack by the Anti-Defamation league of B'nai B'rith, which charges they are extremely right wing.

The charges were filed yesterday by the league with the Federal Communications commission. The complaint asks that phone companies throughout the nation be required to halt "abuse or fraudulent use of the service."

These messages, the league said, are available in many cities, including Chicago, to anyone who dials certain numbers. The league's complaint charges that the messages paint "lurid descriptions of a 'communist conspiracy' allegedly lurking behind civil rights, the United Nations, the Supreme court, the last three Presidents of the United States, the state department, the press . . . , and others.

The league said scripts for the recordings are provided by Dr. William C. Douglass, 39, a Sarasota, Fla., physician, identified by the league as a member of the John Birch society.

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Taped Phone Messages Protested —

By Burnell Heinecke

A tape-recorded telephone message operation, which locally this week is labeling the Peace Corps as "subversive," led the Anti-Defamation League to file a protest with the Federal Communications Commission.

The federal regulatory body was asked to initiate proceedings requiring telephone companies to curb "flagrant abuses of their recorded message service" such as those listed against "Let Freedom Ring Inc. of Sarasota, Fla."

The ADL took the action just a few days after issuing a special four-page "Facts" edition for August devoted exclusively to the "Let Freedom Ring" operation across the nation.

Linked To Birch Society

The report links the LFR telephone-recording setup to the John Birch Society, both in Chicago and elsewhere, and tags it as "a new voice of the radical right in America (which) whispers in an area where so many shout raucously."

The petition to the FCC declares the anonymous recordings make "abusive and extremist attacks and libels on individuals and institutions."

Obscene, fraudulent and libelous statements are not within the area of constitutionally

protected speech, the ADL petition asserts.

It acknowledges the telephone companies cannot be held liable if they have no knowledge of the libelous intent of the messages broadcast on their Automatic Announcement Service. However, the ADL petition declares, once the officials of the phone company are informed of libelous content of a message, the company should be able to deny use of its facilities for such messages.

Similar Setups

The Chicago operation has been under careful watch of Illinois Bell Telephone Co. officials since its inception earlier this year. Similar phone setups are operating in Hammond, Calumet City and Downstate Decatur and Danville, according to the Chicago office of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

The Hammond phone this week was busily repeating the message which "ran" in Chicago the week of Aug. 26 — on the subject of "The Negro Revolution." In Washington, it was reported that the same message was "held over" for three weeks in Baltimore when it ran right after the Los Angeles riots.

The Mayor's Commission on Human Relations has asked the corporation counsel's office, as well as the Illinois attorney

general and the U.S. attorney's office here, to determine whether any laws are being violated locally. The "racial" message led to the inquiry.

Each message usually concentrates on one subject, with a closing appeal to send 25 cents to either a local or a Florida postal box number for literature on the topic.

This week's Chicago message, for example, declares: "The Peace Corps, long a sacred cow of the administration, has become a taxpayer-financed, anti-American, brain-washing operation for America's youth. One gets the uneasy feeling that something akin to the Hitler Youth Movement, with a Communist twist, has been born in Amer-

ica and is spawning its poison here and abroad."

It was the April message on former President Dwight D. Eisenhower which called him "an ersatz conservative with a pro-Communist record" and "one of the greatest phonies ever put over on the American people" which first brought the Let Freedom Ring telephone setup to public attention here.

The messages come from tapes supplied by LFR's creator, Dr. William Campbell Douglass, a Sarasota physician listed by the Anti-Defamation League as a John Birch member. In his literature, Dr. Douglass says his is "a non-profit corporation established to disseminate anti-Communist, anti-Socialist, pro-American broadcasts via a telephone tape recording. Your customer dials a number and gets two minutes of anti-Communist dynamite."

But ADL said in both its report and its FCC petition that the scripts consist of "lurid visions of a 'Communist conspiracy' lurking behind civil

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rights, the United Nations, the Supreme Court, the last three U.S. Presidents, the State Department, the press, the National Council of Churches, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Anti-Defamation League, and so on."

Often cited as sources for various bits of information used in the scripts are Kent Courtney, publisher of the Independent American in New Orleans; Fulton Lewis Jr., the radio commentator; organs of the John Birch Society and "the more excited bulletins and tracts of the far-out fringe."

"Let Freedom Ring services the radical right, from its isolated ax-grinders to its largest national membership organization, with a weekly propaganda scare available around the clock," the ADL reports.

There is a heavy anti-Negro content, it notes, with many "messages" over the last two years devoted to "incitement to 'anti-Communist' arms gathering" with tales of Negro revolutionary plots.

In May, 1964, one broadcast warned "there is documented proof that Negroes are being armed for open revolution this summer."

After charging the National Council of Churches with "openly promoting bloodshed through armed revolution by Negroes" and attacking gun-registration legislation as part of a Communist plot, the 1964 message said, "We also urge our listeners to purchase a rifle or a pistol for home defense. We are not—we repeat—we are not promoting insurrection as does the National Council of Churches. We are merely urging you to exercise your constitutional and God-given right to protect yourself."

This week in the Hammond-Gary area, the recorded voice talks more of Negro revolution and adds a footnote about a forthcoming appearance in Gary of a supposed former undercover agent who will discuss "the terror problem."

In his promotional literature, Douglass "sets a lofty image. . . . We want to keep it on a high level—out of the hands of racists for example," the ADL report observes.

His broadcasts, however, the ADL report declares, have amounted to "near hysteria" in response to the civil rights movement and have painted a "picture of civil anarchy etched in gunsmoke."

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Extremists Phone Attack Charged Here

Anti-Defamation League Hits Recorded Messages

Pittsburgh is one of 30 cities that the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith charged yesterday is being subjected to "anonymous recorded telephone messages for abusive and extremist attacks and libels on individuals and institutions."

Arnold Forsler, general counsel of the league, made the charge in a complaint to the Federal Communications Commission.

Messages Change

The message, labeled "Let Freedom Ring," has been operating in Pittsburgh since mid-August with a different message each week. Persons who dialed the number yesterday heard the charge that the civil rights movement is leading to a "reign of terror" aimed at "splitting off the South and making it a black Negro republic." The speaker calls Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. an "arch hypocrite and Nobel certified peace lover."

The message here is sponsored by a "Let Freedom Ring" organization started by Dr. Charles A. Provan, a physician, of 424 W. Grant Ave., Duquesne. Dr. Provan said he and four others are the only members and that the message is paid for by contributions from persons who buy booklets and pamphlets advertised on the message itself.

He said three telephone lines are rented for \$150 a month and that the only other cost is 50 cents a month to buy the scripts from Dr. William Campbell Douglass, a physician of Saratoga, Fla. Dr. Douglass is supplying similar scripts to the other cities.

Not Birchers

Dr. Provan said there is no direct affiliation between "Let Freedom Ring" and the John Birch Society, as charged by the Anti-Defamation League. Dr. Provan said he is himself a member of the John Birch Society.

He said he had no comment on the league charges. The league asked the FCC to require telephone companies to disclose the sponsors, make available copies of scripts, establish the telephone companies' civil liability in the event of libel and to refuse messages that are defamatory.

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Right-Wing Raps U.S. in Phone Calls

By MILLER DAVIS
Herald Staff Writer

A South Dade telephone number that offers unfavorable opinions about the Peace Corps and the State Department is a link in a national network of ultra-right conservatives, the FBI disclosed Sunday.

The same message in the same measured tone, calm and slightly nasal, could be dialed this week in Miami, Baltimore, Denver and Los Angeles.

Beginning with, "This is Let Freedom Ring," the taped message launches immediately into the theme, "The Peace Corps Tragedy."

"One gets the uneasy feeling," the carefully modulated male voice goes on, "that the Peace Corps is something akin to the Hitler Youth Movement with a Communist twist. It is a taxpayer-financed, anti-American, brain-washing operation for American youth."

Pause.

"Peace Corpsmen are engaged in open treason in the Dominican Republic, aiding the rebel Communists who are killing U.S. Marines."

"Yet no one in the Peace Corps has been tried for treason, and Sargent Shriver (corps director) has not been fired for incompetence."

The recording charges Syracuse University in New York with harboring a "leader of African terrorists groups... who is indoctrinating Peace Corps students" there. It identified him as Euardo Montaigne.

It accuses a Peace Corps advisor, the Rev. James H.

Robinson of "ten Communist-front affiliations," and says a Congressman asked that Robinson be removed. Shriver "ignored" the demand, the message says.

The tape concludes with the apparently irrelevant observation that "the State Department made very little effort to hide its involvement in the Berkeley (University of California) riots."

The "Let Freedom Ring" phone number in Dade County appears from time to time in newspaper ads and pops up on bulletin boards, on some churches, civic clubs and even in an occasional police station.

An FBI spokesman in Washington Sunday identified the recordings as ori-

ginating in Omaha, with wide distribution in major cities.

The spokesman described the group as "extreme right wing," adding that, "We're aware of what they're doing." He did not elaborate.

Peace Corps Director of Public Affairs Donovan McClure said his office became aware of the national character of the organization when telephone calls from "Denver, Baltimore and other places" began flooding corps switchboards in Washington.

"Many were corps parents, frightened after hearing the messages, and wanting to know what they are about," McClure said.

McClure added, "Radio Moscow and Peking have been labeling the Peace Corps capitalist imperialism, for some time."

"But this is the first time we've been called Communists," he said.

Joseph Reap, a State Department information officer, said, "I can't figure out what they mean, about the University of California riots. The State Department

had nothing to do with the rioting. What possibly could they mean?"

The occupants of the home from where the "freedom" messages originate were not at home Sunday, and neighbors were unaware of the voice in their block.

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Sarasotan's 'Freedom' Messages

Arouse Ire of National PTA

CHICAGO (UPI) — The president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers yesterday protested against use of Bell Telephone System lines to air a recorded message that charged the PTA is Communist oriented.

A telephone company spokesman replied that the law does not permit it to "pick and choose our customers" or to "set ourselves up as censors."

Mrs. Jennelle Moorhead, the PTA president, said the message, which was being played over telephone lines in several cities from unlisted numbers, was sponsored by a "radical right" group called "Let Freedom Ring."

"Let Freedom Ring" is an automatic telephone message sponsored by a Sarasota, Fla. group headed by Dr. William C. Douglass, who has said the program is sponsored in other cities by local groups who use the messages he prepares and records.)

The PTA head made the protest in a letter to Frederick R. Kappel, board chairman of American Telephone and Telegraph Co., parents

firm of Bell.

"I cannot imagine why the Bell Telephone System would become a party to slanderous attack on individuals or organizations, attacks that are near libelous," she wrote.

"The 12 million members of the PTA nationally will bitterly resent the use being made of Bell Telephone's automatic announcement service to attack an organization that has devoted itself so effectively for 68 years to securing for every American child the highest advantages physical, mental, social

and spiritual education."

Mrs. Moorhead said "apparently this is a nationwide attack—a vicious anonymous attack—on the PTA."

"The extremists are out to dominate the schools," she said. "The PTA is the first line of attack."

She said the message was being played in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Des Moines, Iowa; Montgomery, Ala., and other cities. It gives a Sarasota, Fla., post office box number for anti-PTA literature in return for 25 cent contributions.

"Both the box number and

the telephone listing are anonymous so that our only practical recourse is to the fair-minded executives who direct the operations of the Bell Telephone System," Mrs. Moorhead said.

An earlier target of the messages was Sen. Jacob Javits, R-N.Y., who denounced the program on the floor of the Senate.

An AT&T spokesman in New York said the company was "taking steps around the country to make it possible to provide the name of sponsors

of recorded announcements if requested."

The recorded messages varied slightly in wording but charged that many PTA chapters "forbid" parents to question school administration affairs.

"In other words, parents are sheep to be shorn but they are not to question the lords of the PTA hierarchy," the messages said.

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Sarasotan Defends 'Freedom

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. William C. Douglass defended anonymous recorded phone attacks on prominent Americans and said revealing names of local sponsors might subject them to violence from what he called "left wing fanatics."

Douglass, a Sarasota, Fla., general practitioner who is chairman of the "Let Freedom Ring" organization, appeared as a voluntary witness before a Senate commerce subcommittee which is considering two bills to require that such messages identify the sponsors.

Douglass said he is a member of the John Birch Society and he wore a small lapel pin of Kent Courtney's Conservative Society of America. He said he is quite willing for his own name to be carried in the messages, which are available in 61 cities.

"I am the most unanonymous man in America," he said. But he insisted to disclose names and addresses of local "station managers" would be "an invasion of privacy and restriction of liberties," exposing them "to the vindictiveness of the Communist enemy and their dupes."

"You are jeopardizing our subscribers by inviting violence among the unstable among us," he told the subcommittee, adding that revealing their names and addresses would expose them "to crackpots in their area."

"It's a matter of debate who the crackpots might be," asserted subcommittee Chairman John O. Pastore, D-R.I.

Douglass called the local sponsors "dedicated American patriots. Our people are courageous and determined to do the job the news media have failed to do. We are not trying to hide anything. We tell the truth in these broadcasts," he said, adding he takes full responsibility for them.

Ring' Calls

Douglass said former President Eisenhower "is one of the greatest phonies ever put over on the United States,"

and Chief Justice Earl Warren is "very pro-Communist." Other targets have included the Peace Corps and the Parent-Teachers Association.

Asked if any the messages praise people, Douglass said they have had kind things to say about the late General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and they may even say something good one day about Pastore.

"Coming from you," the Rhode Island Democrat commented, "that's no compliment."

Instead of exposing sponsors of recorded messages, Douglass said, the subcommittee should consider legislation to make it a federal offense for phone companies to reveal names of subscribers.

"Anyone who feels injured by the 'Let Freedom Ring' messages has now and always has had access to the courts," he said, asserting that in three years of operation, "we have not been sued by anyone."

During this period, he added, "we have been slandered from coast to coast in every newspaper in the country."

Even if the names have to be carried on the tapes, Douglass said "Let Freedom Ring" will continue to operate. "I'm not afraid of these people," he said.

Before Douglass took the stand, William C. Mott, testifying in behalf of independent telephone companies, agreed with the spokesman for American Telephone & Telegraph Co., who said Thursday the phone com-

panies are taking care of the problem on the local level and that federal legislation is unnecessary.

A similar view was expressed by spokesmen for the Federal Communications Commission and state utility commissions, and by the Fair Campaign Practices Committee.

However, appeals for the subcommittee to press its legislation came from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the National Council of Churches of Christ. These groups have filed complaints with the FCC against "Let Freedom Ring."



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Is 'Let Freedom Ring'

Heroics or Hokum?

The Political Prescriptions Of
Florida's Dr. William Douglass
A Bitter Pill for Uncle Sam

By DON HUDSON
All Florida Staff

Dr. William C. Douglass in his office recording another "anti-communist" script for his Let Freedom Ring telephone network. Some 70 cities get his weekly recorded message.

"Let Freedom Ring" began Oct. 21, 1962, when scores of alarmed Sarasota residents dialed a local telephone number and heard the President of the United States denounced for treason.

A recorded, male voice accused President John F. Kennedy of sinister dealings with "communist butcher" Ahmed Ben Bella, premier of Algeria,

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When asked:

"How long will the American people put up with treason in the White House itself? How long before the American people demand the impeachment of John F. Kennedy?"

The voice gave itself no identification other than "Let Freedom Ring." The Sarasota County sheriff's office reported a flood of protests; the FBI was said to be checking into the recording; the Sarasota Herald-Tribune hinted that President Kennedy might have grounds for a libel suit.

Because the number was non-published, the recording rapidly became a local mystery. General Telephone Co. in Sarasota said the number was located at 6916 Point of Rocks Road, a residence.

Living at the address was Dr. William Campbell Douglass, a 36-year-old physician who had moved to Sarasota only months before upon retirement as a Navy flight surgeon.

Dr. Douglass, however, said nothing — especially to the press.

Finally, in mid-November he agreed to answer questions submitted in writing.

The Herald-Tribune submitted five questions, two of them dealing with the sponsorship of the taped message. To both, the answer was: "Why should there be (any revelation of the message's sponsor?) The sponsors seek no personal publicity."

That is how Let Freedom Ring began. Since then, the project—dubbed "Dial-A-Smear" by its enemies—has grown into a nationwide network of 70 phones, each carrying the same weekly message.

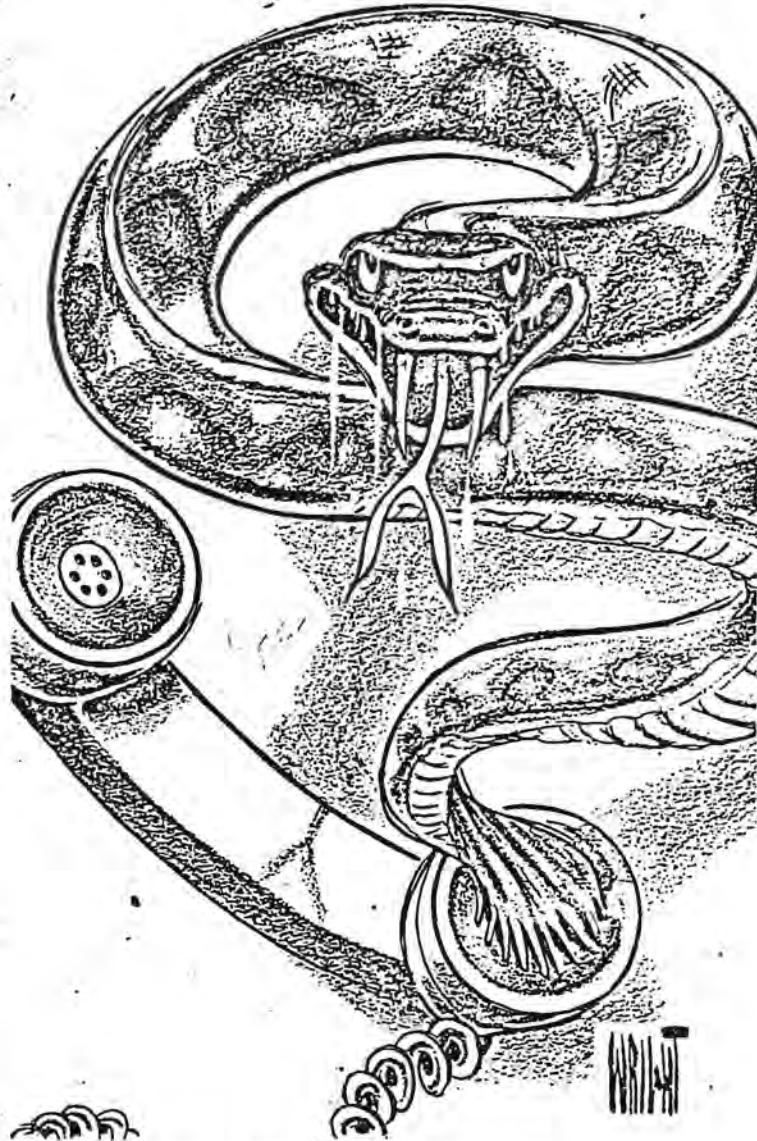
The tone of the messages—practically all written by Dr. Douglass—have not mellowed with the years. (Last January listeners were invited to send a dollar for literature, "if you want to know all about the Johnson administration's plan to help the Kremlin bury you.")

Screams of anger and rebuke from groups and persons attacked in the messages have brought nationwide notoriety to Dr. Douglass and—by association—to his town.

"In his own little way that doctor has really put us on the map," said a Sarasota native. "Years ago whenever I went up north, people would identify me as someone from the 'circus town.' Now I'm introduced as being from the place where all those terrible telephone calls started."

Now 39, Dr. Douglass neither looks nor acts like the sort of person who would delight in slandering such organizations and the national Parent-Teachers Association or the National Council of Churches.

Physically trim, a neat and tasteful dresser, he bears a striking resemblance to Playboy publisher Hugh Hefner, whose publication Douglass has attacked. The seemingly perfect image of a small town service club president, he is quick with a



"Let Freedom Ring"

By artist Don Wright in the Miami News

friendly smile, witty in conversation, and sports the proverbial professional bedside manner.

However, change the subject of conversation to politics and Douglass' smile disappears.

- • The "new math" taught in public schools is "a tragic plan to destroy the American intellect."
- • The Peace Corps is "an anti-American brain-washing operation for America's youth."
- • A sinister plot is afoot to "disarm individual Americans through compulsory gun registration and then eventual seizure of all registered weapons," in preparation for "race riots, strikes, sabotage and other forms of communist-directed disorder," all of which will serve as "an excuse to bring America under the heel of a U. N. military junta." The result will be the work of "traitors in the Johnson administration."

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Let Freedom Ring is a non-profit corporation chartered in Florida. Each station outside Sarasota is held by someone who pays the doctor \$24 a year and signs a contract agreeing to use at least 40 of his weekly messages in a year's time.

He encourages permit holders to write editorials on local topics, but insists they be sent to him for approval. "Most of the stations are run by very responsible people," he said, "but we can't take any chances. I can't have any of them going off on some wild tangent."

The cost of operation is amazingly low—the nominal charge for a phone line plus about \$30 per month rent for an "electronic secretary" to answer calls and play the recording.

Ten Florida cities have Let Freedom Ring stations, among them Kissimmee, Pensacola, Panama City, Tallahassee and Miami.

Recently, in the wake of a congressional hearing, the Bell System said it would require Let Freedom Ring stations—and other organizations that broadcast opinion through telephone recordings—to include their addresses in the messages.

Dr. Douglass considers the requirement "intimidation of the telephone companies by left-wing extremists."

"These people of mine aren't seeking any publicity," he explains, "They're just trying to help me get my messages across.

"I can't see a thing wrong with being anonymous. The Federalist Papers were published anonymously.

"What if a guy has a far left boss? He gets fired. Not everybody can be as independent as a physician."

Dr. Douglass—whose views on the value of personal publicity seem to have changed completely since 1962—claims anyone wanting to know anything about Let Freedom Ring need only contact him.

"I know the so-called liberals want to bother my station people. They want to shut them up because the message is getting through. Well, if they want to know anything they call me. I'm here; I've always been here and everybody knows who I am.

"A lot of people in Sarasota—the left-wing element here—have done their best to hurt me. I used to get anonymous phone calls all the time, threats stuck in my mailbox. My patients get calls telling them to change doctors.

"There has been a constant smear campaign against me for three years. My auditor tells me I lose between \$5,000 and \$10,000 a year in medical income because of what I'm doing."

Other people in Sarasota familiar with Let Freedom Ring agree the program has hurt Dr. Douglass' medical practice, but not as the result of left-wing pressure.

"People just don't like to go to a controversial doctor, that's all," said a businessman. "It would be the same thing if he had been organizing Negro sit-ins."

About Let Freedom Ring's effect on his family life, Dr. Douglass will say only that it causes "a good bit of tension."

There was tension at the Douglass home, because the doctor on Dec. 21 filed for divorce against his wife after two children and nine years of marriage.

A long-time observer of Sarasota business and politics sums up the town's opinion of the doctor like this:

"There are a few who love him very much, a larger group who detest him, and an even larger group who think he's a screwball and wish he'd go away."

"You'll find most of the tourist people in the last group. This town lives on tourists and it hurts us when the papers and television keep repeating 'Sarasota surgeon' over and over again."

A 1944 graduate of Sarasota High School, Dr. Douglass served in the Navy from 1944 to 1946, then went to school for his bachelor of arts and medical degrees after the war.

A second hitch in the Navy—this time as a flight surgeon—came to a bitter end over his political opinions in 1962.

"I have a photostatic copy of my Navy fitness report in which pure Communist terms are used," he said. "It is like Russia where you have to have the right beliefs to get the right report. The report was so scurrilous the Navy Department thought it owed me the right to reply. I did. I resigned."

Dr. Douglass dates his anti-communist convictions from his junior year at the University of Rochester in New York.

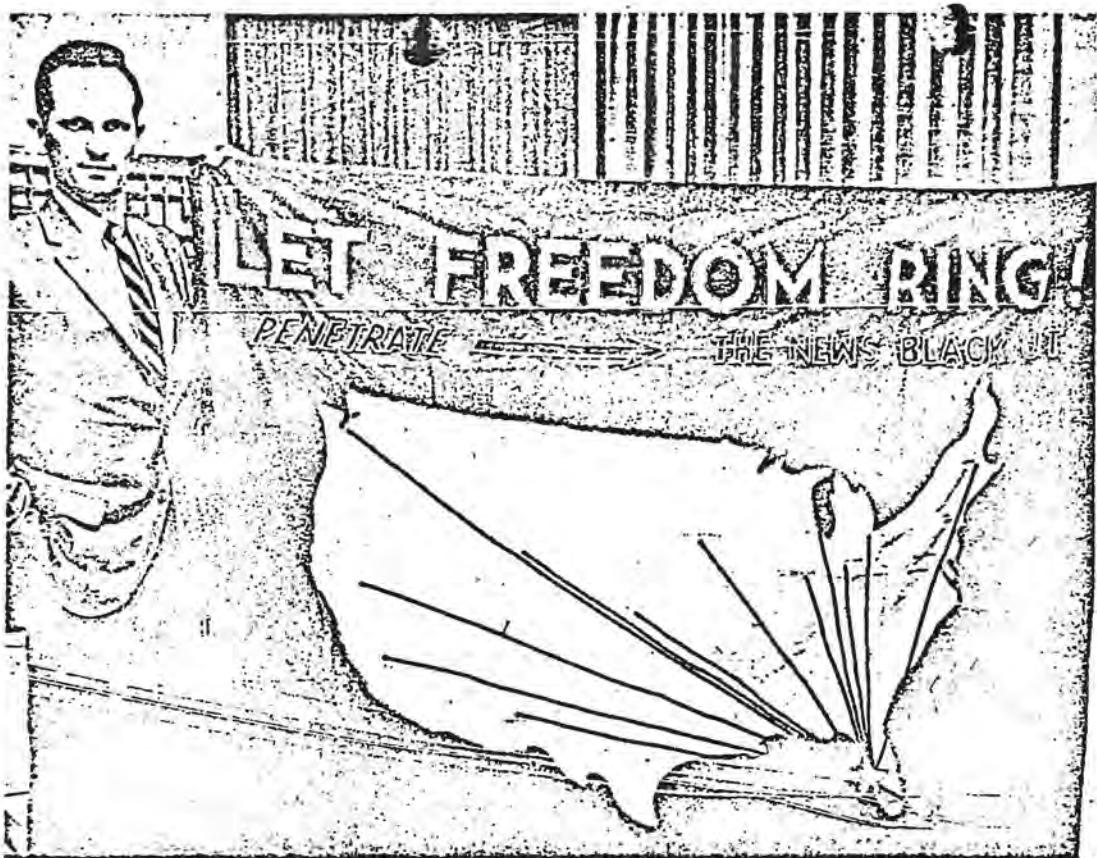
"The more I read," he said, "the more convinced I was that I had been shortchanged ideologically in college.

"And I have been trying ever since 1948 to do my part to awaken the American people to the terrific hoax that has been put over on them primarily through news suppression and suppression of good anti-communist and anti-socialist literature."

Dr. Douglass' next effort to educate the country will be a novel "about the U. N. takeover of the United States as seen through the eyes of the President's personal physician." (The physician in the novel, coincidentally, is an intensely patriotic doctor from Sarasota who tries to save the country almost single-handedly.)

"I've gotten through 18 chapters so far, all of them short. The book is pointed at the boob tube people, the idiots who stick in front of their TV sets all the time and never think of anything."

"The book's got everything in it—blood, violence, murder, sex. I want to reach the mass market."



Dr. Douglass displays the banner he carries to anti-communist conventions all over the country, seeking to recruit new stations for the Let Freedom Ring telephone network.

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Dr. Douglass Is Sued In Death Case

SARASOTA — A \$350,000 damage suit was filed Thursday in Circuit Court against Dr. William C. Douglass by Coy A. Prince whose son, Raymond C. Prince, died on Sept. 24, 1964, as the result of an infection.

Dr. Douglass, the suit states, had been retained by Prince, the father, to treat his son.

The suit contends that Dr. Douglass was negligent in a number of ways in his treatment of the youth, who had injured his left buttock while diving into Phillippi Creek.

It states that the defendant "negligently failed to administer continuous and frequent attention to the deceased's condition . . . failed to diligently respond to a telephone call from the deceased's mother notifying the defendant that the deceased's leg was swollen and discolored . . . failed to promptly hospitalize the deceased . . . failed to drain the wound . . . failed to give gas gangrene antitoxin . . . failed to give the deceased antibiotics . . . and carelessly abandoned his patient."

The suit states that Prince, who lives at 2106 Olentary, employed Dr. Douglass to treat his son on Sept. 22, 1964, and the boy died two days later.

Judge Lynn Silvertooth will hear the case.

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By PETE SCHMIDT
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Sarasotians Protest 'Hate' Label

SARASOTA — A statement that Sarasota was a "city of hate" made on NBC television show drew sharp denials here last evening.

The controversy was stirred by an NBC news special, "Politics — The Outer Fringe," which was heard in this area over Channel 8. It was designed to show political shadings both right and left of center.

Mrs. J. P. McCall, PTA Dist. 9 officer, said portions of the NBC special were filmed during a special meeting conducted by the Sarasota PTA several months ago. The meeting, Mrs. McCall said, was held to air the problems of extremism in the schools.

ROBERT PETRY, an Orlando attorney who appeared on the NBC program, was one of the speakers at the Sarasota PTA meeting. Mrs. McCall said Petry called Sarasota "a city of hate in the eyes of some people."

Mrs. McCall said, "I feel a lot of people must feel that way because of 'Let Freedom Ring.' ('Let Freedom Ring' is a telephone movement originated by Dr. William C. Douglass of Sarasota which espouses a right-wing philosophy). This thing has been going on a long time," she said. "There is a feeling of hate and danger of extremism, and, it wasn't started by the PTA. We (the PTA) finally realized something had to be done

about the extremism elements in our community."

L. L. PARKER, chairman of the Sarasota County Commission said, "As far as being a 'city of hate' is concerned, Sarasota is probably the friendliest city in Florida. As far as NBC is concerned, I don't feel that the program has any authenticity. These statements, I am certain have come from outside sources, not from within the county."

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Ultra-Conservative Constitution

Party Endorses Deeb, Grizzle

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BRADENTON — The ultra-conservative Constitution Party of Florida has endorsed Pinellas Republicans Dick Deeb and Mary Grizzle for the Legislature.

The two Pinellans were among nine Florida candidates endorsed.

The endorsements were announced yesterday by Dr. William C. Douglass, the party's Florida chairman, a John Birch Society leader and founder of the controversial "Let Freedom Ring" telephone messages.

Douglass said the party considered endorsing Claude Kirk

and Ellis Rubin, GOP nom for governor and attorney general, but hasn't been able to determine their positions on some "important issues." He said their positions become clear as the party "might take a more active roll in supporting them."

Others endorsed were U.S. Rep. James A. Haley, a Sarasota Democrat; State Rep. George B. Stallings Jr. of Jacksonville;

former State House Speaker E. C. Rowell of Sumter County; Dr. Thomas R. Sprenger, Republican, Dist. 3 candidate for the Manatee County School Board; State House candidates John L. Ducker and Stewart

r, Republicans running in Orange and Osceola counties; Ord Padgett, Republican candidate for the Orange County Commission, Deeb and Mrs. Grizzle.

Deeb is opposing Democrat Leigh Green for the District 1 State Senate seat in Pinellas. Incumbent Mrs. Grizzle is pits against Democrat George Morris in the Group Two House race.

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Sarasotans Protest 'Hate' Label

SARASOTA — A statement that Sarasota was a "city of hate" made on NBC television new drew sharp denials here last evening.

The controversy was stirred by an NBC news special, "Politics — The Outer Fringe," which was heard in this area over Channel 8. It was designed to show political shadings both right and left of center.

Mrs. J. P. McCall, PTA Dist. 9 officer, said portions of the NBC special were filmed during a special meeting conducted by the Sarasota PTA several months ago. The meeting, Mrs. McCall said, was held to air the problems of extremism in the schools.

ROBERT PETRY, an Orlando attorney who appeared on the NBC program, was one of the speakers at the Sarasota PTA meeting. Mrs. McCall said Petry called Sarasota "a city of hate in the eyes of some people."

Mrs. McCall said, "I feel a lot of people must feel that way because of 'Let Freedom Ring.' 'Let Freedom Ring' is a telephone movement originated by Dr. William C. Douglass of Sarasota which espouses a right wing philosophy. This thing has been going on a long time," she said. "There is a feeling of hate and danger of extremism, and, it wasn't started by the PTA. We (the PTA) finally realized something had to be done."

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L. L. PARKER, chairman of the Sarasota County Commission said, "As far as being a 'city of hate' is concerned, Sarasota is probably the friendliest city in Florida. As far as NBC is concerned, I don't feel that the program has any authenticity. These statements, I am certain have come from outside sources, not from within the county."

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Jury Is Hearing Malpractice Suit Against Doctor

SARASOTA — Monday marked the first day in Circuit Court of a jury trial on charges of malpractice brought against a Sarasota physician by the parents of a boy who died here two and one half years ago.

The suit is being brought by the parents of Raymond C. Prince, who died Sept. 24, 1964, two days after he was cut on a stump in Phillipi Creek while swimming.

The parents are charging malpractice against Dr. William Campbell Douglass, who treated the Prince youth at the emergency room of the Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

J. B. Spence, a Miami attorney, is representing the parents. Joe Pradhan of St. Petersburg is counsel for Dr. Douglass.

Several witnesses for the plaintiffs testified Monday. They included the youth's father, several neighbors and several Sarasota County physicians.

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Malpractice Trial

Defense Started

SARASOTA — The malpractice trial of Sarasota physician William Campbell Douglass entered its third day in Circuit Court Wednesday as defense attorney Joe Bradham of St. Petersburg began presenting his case.

Douglass is being accused of malpractice by the parents of Raymond C. Prince, who died Sept. 24, 1964, at the age of 17, 36 hours after he was treated for a leg wound by Douglass at the emergency room of the Sarasota Memorial Hospital.

The parents are seeking \$150,000 in damages.

J. B. Spence of Miami, attorney for the parents, has presented testimony of several medical witnesses who said that Douglass' treatment of young Prince's wound was not in keeping with good medical practice.

Defense Evidence

Bradham, however, has presented testimony by local physicians who said that Douglass' treatment was perfectly in keeping with good medical practice.

Young Prince was injured Sept. 22, 1964, when he leaped or fell into Phillippi Creek and landed on a jagged stump which pierced his upper left thigh and

He was treated at the hospital and returned to his home, but was taken again to the hospital in the early hours of Sept. 24, with complications. An examination at that time by Douglass and Dr. Fred J. Swartzendruber, a surgeon, indicated the presence of gas gangrene in the wound, according to testimony.

The youth failed to respond to treatment for this condition and died several hours later, according to hospital records.

Wind-up Soon

Bradham has estimated that his defense should be concluded by today or early Friday. The 45-year-old attorney said he specializes in malpractice suits, always as counsel to the defendant.

Spence, 44, is a well-known Florida malpractice attorney. He has handled 50 or 60 such cases throughout the state and is currently chairman of the Medical Malpractice Committee of the American Trial Lawyers Association.

Spence, senior partner of a Miami law firm, is appearing for the plaintiffs in this case at the request of the Sarasota law firm of Hasson, Ludacer and Strode.

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**Dr. Douglass
Is Convicted
Of Malpractice**

SARASOTA (UPI) — A six-man Circuit Court jury found Sarasota physician William Campbell Douglass guilty of malpractice yesterday and awarded \$60,000 in damages to the plaintiffs whose son died in 1964.

Douglass is the founder of the political telephone message service entitled "Let Freedom Ring" that has now spread to other parts of the country.

He is also a top officer in the fledgling right wing Constitution Party.

Douglass was accused of malpractice by the parents of Raymond G. Prince, who died Sept. 24, 1964 at the age of 17 some 36 hours after he was treated by Douglass for a leg wound.

Representing Prince's parents in the week-long trial was B. Spence of Miami, current chairman of the medical malpractice committee of the American Association of Trial Lawyers.

The defense did not indicate whether it would appeal. It has 30 days to do so.

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Dr. Douglass Blasts U.N. During Speech

SARASOTA — The United Nations is "a blueprint for the first universal dictatorship," a "carefully designed war machine" which will "enslave what remains of the free world," Dr. William C. Douglass of Sarasota said Monday.

In a speech entitled "The United Nations: Past, Present and Future," which he delivered to a meeting of the Sarasota High Twelve Club at Morrison's South Gate Cafeteria, Douglass contended that the UN "was designed from the beginning for the instrumentality of Communist conquest."

He reviewed the activities of the UN from its beginnings up to the present and told the luncheon group that the organization has been fostered by Soviet Communists and members of the American Communist Party who utilize the idea of world government to "draft on to the minds of the American people" concepts that are alien to this nation's way of life and to the idea of world peace and freedom.

Douglass, an author, physician, organizer of Let Freedom Ring, Inc., and state chairman of the Wallace for President Club, told the luncheon group that the "logical end product of the UN

is the meat grinder we're going through today in Vietnam."

He said, "Our state department boasts that we have informed the security council of the UN of all our major activities in Vietnam," and then remarked that "the security council is the war department of the UN," which has been controlled by Soviet Communists since its beginnings.

"This explains," said Douglass "why our pilots are forced to fly a well-known route — they call it Slaughter Alley." This explains, he continued, "how the Communists have managed to run both sides of the war."

The doctor told the club members that the solution to the present situation would not be an easy one. He said that it seemed President Johnson is "no longer his own boss" because of the "transfer of sovereignty to the UN."

"We're through as a free nation," he emphasized, "unless we get out of the UN and get the UN out of the U.S."

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Move Afoot To Put Wallace On State 3rd Party Ticket

By PETE SCHMIDT

Tribune Staff Writer

SARASOTA — Dr. William Campbell Douglass said yesterday a concerted effort will get under way after the first of the year to have former Alabama Gov. George Wallace head of a third party ticket in Florida.

Douglass, founder and leader of the Constitution Party in the state, said 18,000 signatures of qualified voters are needed to swing recognition to Wallace as a presidential candidate on the general election ballot.

"We cannot start circulating the petitions until after Gov. Wallace declares his intentions and names a vice presidential nominee as his running mate," Douglass said, adding that the organization backing the former governor is ready and waiting the word.

Douglass is confident that Wallace can post a big victory in the backyard of Republican Gov. Claude Kirk.

"We have a better organization than the Republicans have been able to muster in 100 years. We have a county committee in each of 52 counties and the only ones not organized now are the small ones," said Douglass.

"The question of getting a third party candidate on the ballot is a difficult one," Douglass said, "but we anticipate no problem."

"Without a question of doubt Gov. Wallace will take the state of Florida if he chooses to make the race," Douglass said.

"As far as I know — although it is not definite — the governor would run on the Constitution Party ticket," Douglass said, adding, however, that he felt regardless of the party label the Alabama Democrat chooses he will lose no supporters.

Douglass, who attended the second state executive committee meeting of the state's youngest and smallest political party last week in St. Augustine, said about 40 counties were represented at that session.

"We are going through with the assumption that Wallace will run, but if he doesn't that is it," he said. "The Constitution Party will field no other candidates in any other races in 1968 but if Wallace does run, we'll be ready to move."

Douglass said that the machinery to push toward the Wallace ballot is being geared up statewide and nationally. "most of the effort is now being devoted in California for that presidential primary,"

— but that he "would not presume to speak" on whether Wallace would run nationally on the Constitution Party ticket.

"Neither would I attempt to

guess on a possible vice presidential running mate," he said.

Douglass said the key issue in the Florida campaign will be "the racial revolution," but deferred to Wallace for elaboration on that point.

As for Kirk, said Douglass, "I frankly think he's creating more problems for himself. I think it's amusing to hear him say that the people who elected him and are now helping George Wallace are making a mistake."



George Wallace
big victory seen



Dr. Douglass
waiting word

Maybe they were wrong when they voted for him.

Douglass identified Wallace-for-president leaders in the larger counties as: W. E. Hakes of Jacksonville, Duval; George Ponder of Tampa, Hillsborough; Curtis Dethridge of St. Petersburg, Pinellas; T. J. Jensen of Auburndale, Polk; C. D. Stinnett of Sarasota, Sarasota; T. L. Broxton of Pensacola, Escambia; Carlton Lillie of Tallahassee, Leon; and former Rep. Ben Klassen, Palm Beach.

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Dr. Douglass To Head Wallace Backers?

Who will be named to lead the Wallace-for-President Committee in Florida apparently is a question still to be decided.

Dr. William C. Douglass, Sarasota physician, was called chairman of the Wallace-for-President State Committee in an Associated Press story, Dec. 6.

The campaign to give George Wallace, former Alabama governor, Florida's presidential

electoral votes is scheduled to start rolling in January.

"We have a county committee in each of 52 counties, and the only ones not organized now are the small ones," Douglass was quoted as saying in an interview. Douglass said the coordinator for Dade County has not yet been chosen.

He said the Wallace-for-President state committee was formed in Orlando under the auspices

of William Shearer, Montgomery, Ala., Wallace's national campaign coordinator. He said the Florida Constitution Party, of which Dr. Douglass is chairman, is now "in the process of" winning Wallace's approval as his campaign sponsor in Florida.

The day after the story appeared, Thomas H. Hart, in Miami, announced that he has been selected by Wallace as South Florida chairman.

"There is no state chairman of the Wallace - for - President Committee," declared Hart, a long-time friend of Wallace. "When a state chairman is appointed, he won't be Dr. Douglass."

Hart charged that Dr. Douglass' group "just got together and agreed to support Gov. Wallace, to use Gov. Wallace's popularity."

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Party Merger Revealed By Dr. Douglass

Dr. William C. Douglass of Sarasota announced Monday that the Constitutional Party which he chairs has merged with the new American Independent Party of Florida.

Douglass said the two groups will carry the banner of the American Independent Party and will run former Alabama Gov. George Wallace for president.

Douglass said he will be chairman of the new party. He said a campaign chairman will be announced soon.

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MEDICAL EDITOR POST

Dr. Douglass Resigns

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Another physician, Dr. William C. Douglass, editor of the Sarasota County Medical Society, resigned Thursday.

The resignation follows several months of dissension among local physicians as to the contents of the now suspended publication.

Douglass, who had been

elected earlier this year by society members to serve as editor, sent his letter of resignation to Dr. Ernest M. Grochowski, president of the medical society.

Some local physicians, although approving the revised format of the journal, were in strong disagreement with the methods of attack against certain sex education programs, the U. S. Food and Drug Administration and the American Medical Association.

Other physicians approved the subjects chosen for discussion in the Journal but protested against the editorial attacks on personalities involved, such as the remarks about Dr. Mary Calderone, executive director of the Sex

Information and Education Council of the U. S. (SIECUS). Dr. Calderone's lawyers in New York have demanded a retraction in the publication.

In his letter of resignation, Dr. Douglass said, "One of the major problems in our country today, as I see it, is that everyone wants to pass the buck when it comes to taking a stand on any issue that may antagonize anybody."

Three of the associate editors—Dr. Eugene J. Boyd, Dr. Henry G. Morton and Dr. Leo H. Wilson Jr. —had resigned in protest against what one of them called "the inflammatory style of writing and the naming of personalities" in the three issues of the publication prepared by Douglass.

"I think that everyone will agree that the new Journal is an improvement over the old one as far as the format is concerned," Douglass wrote in his letter of resignation. "The advertising I obtained has now enabled the Journal to pay for itself so that it is not a financial burden to the Society.

"The Journal no longer needs me and, under the circumstances, I no longer desire to expend my time and energy attempting to put out a first class medical journal with my right hand while fighting an emotional minority with my left."

The fate of the suspended publication, started about 10 years ago as a "bulletin" to provide information for local physicians and some persons in paramedical fields, may be decided at the next meeting of the Sarasota County Medical Society.

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In the March, 1969 issue of "The Journal of the Sarasota County Medical Society", which publication is published six times a year, 311 Medical Arts Building, Sarasota, Florida, 33579, Editor WILLIAM C. DOUGLASS, the following article appeared by subject:

MEDITORIAL

THE JET SEX

William Campbell Douglass, M.D.

When I was growing up, there were two sexes—the male sex and the female sex. My medical school anatomy course confirmed this. But recently something new has evolved from our schools—the Jet Sex. This is the generation of "sexually free" children,



Dr. William
C. Douglass

thing since the new math. The children are assulted with detailed texts, "study guides," visual aids, clay for modeling the human phallus, and everything conceivable short of copulation rooms—and even this has been suggested. In one school, for instance, the teacher, (who can only be described as sick, sick, sick), herded her little charges into a darkened room and had them feel each other.

One film now in vogue for Kindergarten shows dogs copulating followed by a human couple in bed under sheets. A recorded voice explains: "Mummy and Daddy are doing the same thing the dogs do." Now really, isn't that a bit much—even for the Jet Sex?

I mentioned sex education in the schools to a friend and he immediately replied, "Well, it's about time!" The implication was that finally someone was doing something and we would at last "understand" and "be natural" with sex—thereby bringing on the millenium and a non-neurotic world. But aren't there some things that are better off not understood during the formative years? Perhaps I am antedelvian in my thinking (I have been accused of such) but what happens to beauty and art when everything is reduced to a mathematical certainty? Our 20th century explorers have already taken the moon out of poetry and song by informing us that it is a "forbidding and foreboding place." Must we now deromantize sex with clinical discussions in mixed company in the classroom? As the brilliant Alan Stang, writing in *The Review of the News* of February 5, 1969, put it: "—observe that what is happening... isn't just that sex is being given the most repulsive treatment possible—which it is—but that man's greatest, private pleasure is being made commercial; being made a public spectacle enjoyed by a crowd."

Certainly there is nothing wrong with giving anatomical courses to senior high school students (which is being done by the medical profession here). Most of the kids at this age already understand the reproductive process and perhaps these courses in the mechanism of con-

ception clear up points of confusion. But let's leave the little ones to their hopscotch and softball. Psychiatrist Melvin Anchell puts it bluntly: "It catapults the child into advance sexual information; it perverts the child—if you turn into an obstetrician at eight years of age, you have developed a fixation—I think it is creating more perverts than were ever created before."

This is a delicate subject. But it deserves our serious consideration for it is being taught to our children with increasing boldness and diminishing restraint. What goes on in the depths of the mind of a 6 year old boy when he is shown pictures or models of the adult male phallus? Has it occurred to the experts that they may be engendering a strong inferiority complex that could well carry through to adult life? Mighten the child "act out," as the psychiatrists say, this inferiority complex with promiscuity in a never ending attempt to prove his maleness, to prove his sexual equality with other males?

What of the 6 year old girl, who knows very well what her anatomy is, who is exposed to the adult male, or even the immature male, through pictures or models and is told that she will, in a few years, submit to having that put in there. In a class at the Carter Riverside school in Fort Worth, Texas, the girls were told, "If you don't want all this blood and pain on your wedding, you should — — —" At this point, one little girl fainted.

How stupid can educators get? I just showed you.

Everyone seems preoccupied with sex these days. That is nothing new. And, of course, the pronoun "everyone" may be little too all embracing. But when the students on an American college campus riot because the faculty refused to let them erect statues of men and women performing perverted sexual acts, one wonders what Freud, sex education and John Dewey hath wrought.

Sex education is the "in thing" in America's schools, starting at the kindergarten level. Without it, the promoters of "sexology" warn us, your child will be warped, inhibited and, heaven forbid, moralistic. One wonders how ten generations of Americans managed to build a great and stable nation without formal sex training. We even managed to procreate without liberal busybodies telling us how. At the turn of the century, sex was considered a private matter. Some parents discussed it with their children and some did not. Everyone seems to agree that there was less mental illness then than now. But now the experts tell us, "If the parents won't teach their children about sex, then we must."

Why? They tried it in a big way in Sweden, and now that formerly placid and stable land is ridden with neurosis, suicides and venereal disease. One hundred and forty Swedish doctors signed a petition to the government which stated that Sweden's young people are obsessed with sex and, panting from one partner to another, some have as many as two hundred different sex partners!

Mary Calderone, M.D., high priestess of sex education (who has no psychiatric credentials), promotes premarital intercourse among the kids, tacitly endorses abortion and speaks oh so gently and permissively about homosexuality. And, it is interesting to note, Ortho Pharmaceutical Corporation promotes Calderone with fancy brochures to the nation's physicians. The brochures tell America's doctors to stop moralizing and get with it! After all, Ortho has a lot of birth control pills to sell and 14 year olds know how to swallow pills, don't they? To coin a phrase: There's gold in them thar pills.

Dr. Rhoda L. Lorand, a highly qualified child analyst, has very cogently described the self-appointed sex experts. She said: "I have found that talking to these new sex education zealots about the findings of child analysts over the past forty years, is like talking to an audience of turkeys about Thanksgiving. In order to avoid the realization that their programs belong on the chopping block, they pretend that the evidence proving them in error does not exist and hope that by ignoring it, it will disappear—a most commendable scientific attitude. Don't worry, it won't disappear and more and more people who are unafraid to think are beginning to have doubts about these programs and the caliber of the groups they are attracting."

Dr. Max Levin, psychiatrist and neurologist, reviewed in current *Medical Digest* a book that was edited by two of our nation's "sex experts," Doctors Isadore Rubin and Lester Kirkendall. The following excerpt from that review strikes at the heart of their twisted logic:

Rubin says, "The core of the ethical problem is not whether a boy or girl remains or does not remain a virgin, but whether sex is used exploitative and self-centered, or in a meaningful and dignified way."

Kirkendall says, "When it comes to sex in a relationship, the girl has several pressing questions: If I have intercourse, will it make my relationship with the boy stronger? What will he think of me? Will I please him or will I lose his respect?"

All this sounds so reasonable that it has a seductive appeal. Pettenkofer (*in the Family and the Sexual Revolution*, ed. E. M. Schur, Indiana U. Press), tells us of the satisfaction it gave to a perplexed high school teacher. Like other high school (and college) teachers, she hadn't found it easy to field the questions of her students in the area of premarital behavior.

Pettenkofer writes that he was "much concerned" when the teacher told him "that Kirkendall's ideas had been such a help to her." She said, "Now I have an answer: I just tell the girls and boys that they have to consider both sides of the question: Will sexual intercourse strengthen or weaken their relationship?"

This, mind you, was not a college teacher; it was a high school teacher. One can imagine the turmoil in the mind of a high school girl: in the after-

noon, she heard from her teacher that the question has two sides, and now in the evening she is being propositioned by her boyfriend who assures her that intercourse will strengthen their relationship.

The criteria proposed by Rubin and Kirkendall are unsound, indeed naive, for they presuppose a power to foretell the future. A girl contemplating intercourse, says Kirkendall, must ask herself, "Will it make my relationship with the boy stronger?" Even if she possessed the wisdom of Solomon, she would be unable to foretell the answer. Rubin and Kirkendall don't tell us what the girl should do if her forecast of a strengthened relationship backfires. You can make a hit with youngsters if you tell them they're entirely on their own, but few are mature enough to assess the pros and cons of sex freedom.

Ortho Pharmaceutical echoes the sociological garbage from Rubin and Kirkendall in their news release to physicians dated November 13, 1968: "In counseling college students facing stresses arising from changing sexual attitudes and practices, the physician, rather than espousing a 'thou shalt not' philosophy, must help the student face the basic questions — 'Will this behavior hurt you or those you love? Will it be good for you? You see, Mary Jane, Ortho isn't like those other cold blooded corporations. Ortho has heart!'

The results obtained from sex education in the lower grades are exactly opposite from what the sexologists claim. We are sexually deprived and sick, they say, and the SIECUS crowd considers itself ordained to straighten us out. But Communists, you know, always claim to be doing the opposite of what they are actually trying to accomplish.

There I go blaming the Communists again. Your Editor has been accused of seeing a Communist under every bed and now I am seeing them in the beds as well.

What is the evidence?

SIECUS (Sex Information and Education Council of the United States) is the Big Id in all matters sexual (and homosexual) these days. One of the founders and the treasurer of this smut ring is one Isadore Rubin. Rubin was identified on May 3, 1955 in sworn testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a member of the Communist Party. Rubin is also Editor of a dirty little magazine called Sexology. (How do these titles grab your libido: "My desire for Both Sexes," "An Incest-haunted Marriage," "Women Who Have Many Climaxes," and "Fifteen Ways to Get More Out of Sex") This pornographer's trash is now being revised so it can be used in our nation's schools.

Another smutologist of some renown is Reverend William Genne' who is a founder, board member and secretary of the SIECUS perversion plant. Genne' has been associated with numerous Communist fronts. Also, not surprisingly, he is a big wheel in the National Council of Churches.

Reverend Joseph F. Fletcher, Profes-

or of Ethics (of all things) at Cambridge Episcopal Theological School, works closely with the "feely pictures" crowd at SIECUS. He has been a member of 13 Communist fronts and Herbert Philbrick, former FBI undercover agent, testified: "Joe Fletcher worked with us on Communist Party projects and an enormous number of tasks."

The above is just a sampling . . . perhaps you are not convinced, so allow me to present some more evidence.

When General William F. Dean was released from a Communist prison camp, the Chinese psychologist who had been trying to brainwash him said: "General, don't feel bad about leaving us . . . we will soon be with you. We are going to destroy the moral character of a generation of your young Americans, and when we have finished, you will have nothing with which to really defend yourselves against us."

Still not convinced? Consider this from reporter Jack Mabley writing in the Fort Worth Star Telegram:

"A town in Western Poland was the scene of a grotesque gathering in the late spring of 1954. Communist agents had gone through prisons throughout Russia and Poland, rounding up hundreds of sex criminals, perverts and prostitutes. All were transported to this Polish town.

Simultaneously the Communists took into the town scores of Red movie and still photographers and thousands of feet of film. The criminals were turned loose in the town, and for 10 days, there was

an incredible orgy. The photographers raged everything. These prints were taken to a port in Turkey. They were put on a ship which several weeks later put in at Mobile. There the pictures were unloaded. American intelligence agents, who later traced these pictures to their origin, were unable to follow their course from Mobile.

However, it is established that they fanned out through the United States, and were put into the hands of youngsters through pornography dealers. Today these pictures, and the literally millions of reproductions that were made from them, are poisoning the minds of countless young Americans. This was the aim of the Communist agents."

"The story sounds fantastic, and yet I personally cannot question the source. Rational people just aren't ready to believe that the pornography racket is part of a Red plot to undermine American morals . . . Yet the evidence is too solid to be shrugged off."

So Isadore Rubin, a Communist, is promoting "sex education" in our schools. That doesn't make sex education and all the raunchy movies and plays a Communist plot, now does it? An official publication of the Italian Communist Party, called Journal Cinema, would disagree:

"The film and theater production of today are really typical bourgeois phenomena. The bourgeoisie have now reached the final state in their advance toward decadence and show up their

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inherent rotteness as they surrender all claims to standard bearers of responsibility. We are not in the least bit interested in stopping do (sic) this. Why place any obstacles in their path? We are interested in encouraging this type of play. We want to encourage this sort of production. As a technical policy our aim is to defend an enterprise that is pornographic and entirely free of the restrictions of ordinary moral rules. We must be resolute in pursuing this course, even more so in plays being shown that attempt to condone homosexuality."

Where does the National Education Association, the cultivators of the minds of our children, and the American Medical Association, the organized voice of American medicine, stand in regard to this obscene invasion of our schools, this rape of innocent young minds? This may stretch your credulity, but they have taken their stand bravely and firmly with the smutologists of SIECUS!

Naturally, most of these bumble heads in the NCC, the NEA and the AMA who have aligned themselves with Ellis ("Religion seriously sabotages mental health," "Religion is neurosis," etc.); Fletcher ("For me there is no religion at all"); Kirkendall ("A tremendous feeling of natural unity . . . is immoral"), and the rest of these sick, homosexual-condoning egomaniacs, think they are doing something to combat the very things these neurotics are promoting:

marital sex, illegitimacy and venereal disease. Even Comrade Isadore Rubin, Treasurer of SIECUS admitted this was futile when he said: "For the Community to ask the sex director to take on the responsibility of cutting down on illegitimacy or on venereal disease, is to ask him to undertake a task that is foredoomed to failure."

Sex education, in one form or another, and whether we like it or not, is probably here to stay. So what is to be done? First, throw out SIECUS and SIECUS material, Sexology Magazine, and all the phonies associated with both. Second, read the well-reasoned article in this issue by Dr. James Parsons. Dr. Parsons deserves your rapt attention. His keen mind has penetrated to the core of the problem.

"Who so ever shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he was drowned in the depth of the sea."

Matthew 18, verse 6

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Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the President or any other public official, save exactly to the degree in which he himself stands by the country.

It is patriotic to support him insofar as he efficiently serves the country. It is unpatriotic not to oppose him to the exact extent that by inefficiency or otherwise he fails in his duty to stand by the country.

In either event, it is unpatriotic not to tell the truth—whether about the President or anyone else—save in the rare cases where this would make known to the enemy information of military value which would otherwise be unknown to him.

— Theodore Roosevelt

Private enterprise delivers one pound of oil from the Persian Gulf to our Eastern seaboard cheaper than government will deliver a two-ounce letter across the street.

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The following article appeared in the July 25, 1969 issue of "The Sarasota Journal", a daily newspaper published in Sarasota, Florida:

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MEDICAL EDITOR POST**Dr. Douglass Resigns**

Another physician, Dr. William C. Douglass, editor of the Sarasota County Medical Society, resigned Thursday.

The resignation follows several months of dissension among local physicians as to the contents of the now suspended publication.

Douglass, who had been

elected earlier this year by society members to serve as editor, sent his letter of resignation to Dr. Ernest M. Grochowski, president of the medical society.

Some local physicians, although approving the revised format of the journal, were in strong disagreement with the methods of attack against certain sex education programs, the U. S. Food and Drug Administration and the American Medical Association.

Other physicians approved the subjects chosen for discussion in the Journal but protested against the editorial attacks on personalities involved, such as the remarks about Dr. Mary Calderone, executive director of the Sex

Information and Education Council of the U. S. (SIECUS). Dr. Calderone's lawyers in New York have demanded a retraction in the publication.

In his letter of resignation, Dr. Douglass said, "One of the major problems in our country today, as I see it, is that everyone wants to pass the buck when it comes to taking a stand on any issue that may antagonize anybody."

Three of the associate editors—Dr. Eugene J. Boyd, Dr. Henry G. Morton and Dr. Leo H. Wilson Jr. —had resigned in protest against what one of them called "the inflammatory style of writing and the naming of personalities" in the three issues of the publication prepared by Douglass.

"I think that everyone will agree that the new Journal is an improvement over the old one as far as the format is concerned," Douglass wrote in his letter of resignation. "The advertising I obtained has now enabled the Journal to pay for itself so that it is not a financial burden to the Society.

"The Journal no longer needs me and, under the circumstances, I no longer desire to expend my time and energy attempting to put out a first class medical journal with my right hand while fighting an emotional minority with my left."

The fate of the suspended publication, started about 10 years ago as a "bulletin" to provide information for local physicians and some persons in paramedical fields, may be decided at the next meeting of the Sarasota County Medical Society.

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Douglass Resumes Income Tax Fight

A Sarasota physician, Dr. William Campbell Douglass will resume his court battle Friday with the federal government over his refusal to pay income tax.

Dr. Douglass, who is founder of Let Freedom Ring, will act as his own legal counsel in U. S. District Court in Tampa.

Dr. Douglass submitted his federal income tax form in 1965 with his name, address and occupation, but wrote nothing else on the form except "Under Protest."

He has since fought the federal government to a standstill and was even able to obtain a visa during the past summer to visit Soviet Russia.

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**Dr. Douglass
Ruled Indigent**

Dr. William Douglass of Sarasota was ruled indigent Tuesday by U.S. District Judge Gerald Tjoflat in Tampa.

Douglass is charged with income tax evasion amounting to \$43,500 during 1966 and 1967, and with failure to file income tax returns during those years.

Douglass invoked the Fifth Amendment when questioned about his ability to hire an attorney. Tjoflat appointed Hillsborough State Atty. Paul Antinori to assist him. A new trial date has not been set.

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Sarasota Physician Prepares To Test Tax

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SARASOTA — Dr. William C. Douglass, Sarasota physician who claims federal income tax proceeds are being used unconstitutionally, is scheduled to support his contention before a 12-man federal jury in Tampa next month.

The U.S. government has charged Douglass, a champion of right-wing causes and originator of "Let Freedom Ring," with willful refusal to file required income tax forms and to supply required tax information.

Douglass said he has re-

fused to pay the federal income tax on constitutional grounds asserting that the federal government, by giving the money in essence "to our enemies," has betrayed the American people.

He said yesterday he has not paid federal income taxes since 1964. Returns of the past seven years have listed only "name, rank and serial number" and were marked as filed "under protest," Douglas said.

Douglass cited the sending of computers to the Soviet Union as "helping our enemies." Computers, he said, are the heart of modern warfare.

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Dr. Douglass Trial Again Is Postponed

Herald-Tribune Staff Writer

The income tax trial of Sarasota Dr. William C. Douglass was postponed Thursday after a prosecution continuance motion was granted. Douglass is charged by the U.S. government with failing to file a correct 1040 income tax form.

The case, long delayed in the courts, was scheduled to come to trial in the next two weeks in a Tampa federal court, but will now be redocketed and is not expected to resume at least until late this summer.

It was the second continuance granted the government in the case against the controversial Sarasota physician who has not paid personal income taxes since 1964.

The right-wing spokesman, founder of the dial-a-speech service "Let Freedom Ring" is challenging the constitutionality of the appropriation of the tax he contends is being used to support America's enemies in foreign lands, including much of the country's foreign aid program.

The government has filed two charges against Douglass but dropped one; the refusal to file proper information on the standard income tax form.

Douglass reports he has filed a return every year, but only with the doctor's name, address and the notation under "income."

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Sarasota's Patrol Dogs Know Their Job, Serve Unquestioningly

By DOROTHY STOCKBRIDGE

Journal Reporter

Forget that saying about the bark being worse than the bite when you're talking about an attack dog on patrol.

The German shepherds that are being used to guard homes, businesses and even the Ringling Museum grounds, have a bite that exerts 750 pounds of pressure per square inch.

Attempted break-ins drop to zero when a sign goes up warning of an attack dog, according to Dr. William Campbell Douglass who is in the business of training dogs for security duty.

"The dogs will deter almost everyone. You can't sneak up on a dog," said Dr. Douglass. "He values a fully-trained guard dog at \$7,000 and claims a canine guard surpasses the human kind for a variety of reasons.

"Dogs don't lie, cheat, steal, get drunk, have hangovers or want an advance in pay," he smiled.

He owns 10 of the dogs, all trained in Sarasota by Ralph Young, a carpenter by trade. Young learned about dog-training in the Air Force where he helped train dogs

in Washington State to guard atomic sites.

"They're just like people. Some learn fast and others slowly," said Young.

Ace, the firm's "top dog," was a natural, learning his job in two months. Others take six months and all the dogs are constantly retrained.

"Some dogs just don't have it. They're total cowards," said Dr. Douglass, thinking back on some of the dropouts he has had in the year since the project started.

Ace, he claimed, is a dual-personality dog, able to be friendly one minute and be ready to attack the next minute.

"He knows what his job is," said Dr. Douglass. "I wouldn't take any amount of money for him."

The dogs aren't killers but are trained to pull an intruder to the ground and hold him there until help comes, if it takes all night. Part of their training is learning not to eat meat tossed to them in case it should be poisoned.

Dr. Douglass has six of the dogs trained to work in pairs, considered more effective because if one is distracted, the other is ready. One team guards a fenced 20-acre site

where apartments are being built.

"They haven't lost a single article since the dogs have been there," said Young who delivers the dogs when workmen leave and picks them up the next morning before workmen arrive.

Other dogs are successfully guarding stores, a lumber yard, plumbing supply and the Karl Bickel residence where dog and human guards share the duties.

The Ringling Museum owns its guard dog, Stormy, who was trained at the National Police Dog Academy in Moline, Kan. According to Florence Gillmore of the museum staff, he was a bargain because he was trained for police work but got car sick.

Since Stormy has been roaming the 45 acres of the museum property after visitors leave, vandalism has ceased to be a problem.

"Stormy is a tremendous preventive measure. A man would think twice before taking a chance on disturbing a dog. A dog is so much more unpredictable — not like a guard on his rounds," said Miss Gillmore.

When he's off duty in the daytime, Stormy has his own fenced yard with shady Eucalyptus tree and dog house near the home of his handler, Elwood Laflin, grounds superintendent who lives in a guest home of the Ringling mansion.

"At night, when I lock up we have our own private estate," laughed Laflin. And with Stormy around, the estate is secure. The 85-pound dog is trained to hold an intruder and doesn't attack

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unless the person tries to run.

"He has a good set of teeth — he's no house pet," said Laflin who has a healthy respect for the dog. Stormy takes his duties seriously and, once turned loose at night, covers the territory. Even in the daytime he sounds off when anyone drives into Laflin's yard. "He knows where people are not supposed to be."

Dr. Douglass, who runs Checkmate Security Systems, claims the dogs are a bargain at \$75 a month (when the dog is fed and housed there) compared to about \$600 a month for human guards.

Dogs usually only stay on the job a month at a time so no employee can get too friendly with them. Between jobs they get in some retraining with Young at Sandy Lane Kennels.

Male dogs, said Dr. Douglass, are the best guard dogs but their training can't begin until they're a year old. "Otherwise, they're too babyish — like teen-agers."

Dr. Douglass would like to see dogs used by local law enforcement officers — "for their own protection if nothing else. In investigating a robbery, a man could get killed going into a dark room but a dog would get somebody out."

Like humans, the dogs are subject to all the human ailments such as infections and bronchitis, plus a few more, like heartworms. Dr. Douglass keeps up strict preventive treatment to keep the animals healthy.

Then they're ready to work a 12-hour night without even a whimper or a complaint about a coffee break.



GOING THROUGH PACES — Larry Knapp, in a protective suit and heavy arm guard, is still wary of the German shepherd being trained for security duty by Ralph Young.



NICE STORMY — The Ringling Museum's guard dog, Stormy, poses with his handler, grounds superintendent Elwood Laflin, in front of his own shade tree and dog house.

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Tax Skips Justified

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By TERRY ROGERS
Tribune Staff Writer

A defense attorney yesterday admitted that his client, a Sarasota doctor, has not filed a proper income tax return since 1964, but he told a federal jury the doctor failed to comply for a good reason.

Paul Antinori Jr. made the remark during opening arguments in the trial of Dr. William C. Douglas, the Sarasota doctor who founded the "Let Freedom Ring" telephone network.

Antinori said that although Douglas did not pay taxes, he did not try to deceive the government, but sent tax return forms directly to the Secretary of the Treasury in Washington, D.C.

THE TAX returns, however, contained only Douglas' name and address, and the hand-



Dr. William C. Douglass
... on trial in Tampa.

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scrawled words, "under protest."

"The government charges and must prove he did these things wilfully," said Antinori. "It is our contention that the doctor did these things not wilfully, but for good purposes in his own mind," he said.

"HE WILL TAKE the witness stand and he will tell you why he did what he did. You will be the ones to decide whether he acted with wrongful purpose or not," he told the jury.

Douglas is accused of not providing required information on his 1966 and 1967 tax returns, although he has continued to file similar tax returns since 1965.

Despite Antinori's offer to "stipulate" to the facts the government wants to prove, Assistant U. S. Attorney Hugh N. Smith opened his case with a procession of witnesses called to present records.

TESTIMONY CAME so fast that one spectator said it looked like "a trade of joustments with people attacking them," and the trial recessed early when the government ran out of witnesses for the day.

Antinori sat back, declining to cross-examine witnesses and offering to admit some documents before Smith even had time to ask what records were.

District Court Judge Gerald B. Tjoflat said that the trial was moving ahead of schedule and should be finished today.

The government called witnesses to show that Douglas had an income during the two years in question. Witnesses included his former wife, Theo, who said she received \$400-a-month alimony

and child support; a car dealer who said he sold Douglas a Volkswagen; a flying school employe who brought receipts which showed Douglas had taken glider lessons, and three bank executives who testified that Douglas had checking accounts.

A GRAND JURY indictment, charging Douglas with the two misdemeanors, said his income was \$22,132 in 1966 and \$21,427 in 1967.

"There is no issue and there should be no issue that Dr. Douglas had gross incomes mentioned in this charge," protested Antinori.

Douglas, a controversial figure, had received nationwide attention for forming a telephone network which plays recorded right-wing political messages.

He said publicly that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) was forcing him to commit treason by using his taxes to provide foreign aid to Communist countries.

Antinori asked her if Douglass had voluntarily raised child support payments the court has ordered she receive.

Mrs. Douglass said they had been raised, adding he had done so after she threatened him with court action.

It is expected that Smith will present 15 more prosecution witnesses today.

Douglass said Thursday he would testify today on his own behalf, and would outline specifically his reasons for withholding personal income tax.

He said he has not paid the tax since 1965.

Earlier the 12-member jury was seated after a morning of questioning. After about an hour the prosecution was

unable to the seating of all jurors.

The defense persisted in excusing those they felt "prejudiced" for almost four hours.

A Sarasota man, Richard Pee, was called for questioning prior to the jury seating.

Pee disqualifed himself by indicating he had knowledge of the defendant, and had already formed an opinion about the case.

Six men and six women, including one black woman, were seated.

Douglas founded the nationwide telephone network which offers messages to callers in major cities on the supposed problem of communists in government, and other right-wing concerns.

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Sarasota Doctor Accepts Evidence Of Prosecution

Douglass was charged by the federal government in 1963. Subsequent trial action has been postponed until this week.

The conservative doctor willfully failed to pay to file information regarding his gross income in 1966 and 1967 to the Internal Revenue Service, Assistant U. S. State Attorney Hugh Smith claimed.

Smith said failure to provide figures that would provide computation on income taxes was a violation of regulations and statutes.

Two counts on that charge have been filed against Douglass.

Defense attorney Paul Antinori told the jury his client did not take issue with the charges.

He said the prosecution's evidence, compiled over a period of two years, that Douglass made more than \$20,000 in 1966 and in 1967, was admitted by his client.

He said Douglass also admits he did not submit these figures to the IRS for computation.

"There is no contention, no issue with that," Antinori said.

"The one thing at issue," he continued, is "one single word: Willfully."

Antinori said the government must prove that Douglass did these things "willfully."

"Douglass did these things but not willfully," he said. "He did it for good reasons, submitting his 1040 directly to H. B. Fowler, Secretary of the U. S. Treasury."

Antinori told the jury the issue was whether Douglass had acted with a "wrongful purpose" in his own mind.

Douglass' 1040 forms for the years 1965-70 were identical in their "Under Protest" form.

In the years 1961-64, he said, Douglass had filed identically "prove" forms.

Earlier, Douglass indicated his withholding of taxes was a challenge to the constitutionality of the appropriation.

He said the tax revenues

are being used by the U. S.

government to provide aid to

the "enemy."

Despite the defense's concession that the prosecution's accusations were correct, government Attorney Hugh Smith presented 15 of an estimated 30 witnesses he has subpoenaed.

The witnesses presented testimony regarding Douglass' bank deposits and expenditures for 1966 and 1967.

in order to provide proof that Douglass had earned taxable income in those years.

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Doctor found guilty in tax protest case

A Sarasota physician who "went to lunch" protested the doctor wrote only his name, address, etc., and the words "under protest" on 1966 and 1967 income tax returns was found guilty yesterday of failing to delayed sentencing. Douglass provide the government with faces a maximum penalty of inadequate tax information, \$10,000 fine and one-year in prison on each of the counts.

After deliberating about 40 minutes, a 12 member U.S. district court convicted Dr. William C. Douglass, who was evidence his client wasn't charged it was "unreasonable" trying to deceive the government force taxpayers to support Communist nations. Douglass told jurors he had "If they had deliberated four or five hours, I would have made a "moral decision not to contribute to a tax system that is being used to destroy our children, our children afterwards." They ignored all my evidence; they just wanted to get rid of the Communist cause.

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Douglass Loses Tax Case Battle

A Tampa District Court jury found Sarasota physician Dr. William C. Douglass guilty of two counts of failing to supply income tax information to the Internal Revenue Service after 40 minutes of deliberation Monday morning.

The federal charges are a misdemeanor offense. An IRS special agent said Monday the maximum penalty for each count is a \$10,000 fine or one year in a federal prison, or both. He said Douglass is also liable for court costs.

Court officials said Douglass will probably be sentenced within the next three weeks.

The trial was adjourned by presiding judge Gerald B. Tjoflat immediately after the verdict was read.

Defense attorney Paul Antinori announced he would file a motion for a new trial.

The motion, he said, would be based on the definition of the term "willfully".

In the federal charges, Douglass was cited for "willfully" failing to supply income data on his 1040 Forms in 1966 and 1967.

In his 30-minute closing argument, Asst. U.S. Atty. Hugh Smith told the jury the government had proved, with almost 40 witnesses on Thursday and Friday, that Douglass was a person required by law to file income information with the IRS in 1966 and 1967.

Smith said the prosecution also proved that Douglass had failed to supply income information in those years.

During the trial, Douglass admitted he had filed 1040 Forms since 1964 with only his name, age, social security number, date and signature — with the words "Under Protest" written boldly on the

The prosecution contended Douglass acted willfully and deliberately in breaking the law.

Smith said, "It was not an accident . . . not a mistake."

"What we are talking about is something deliberate and willful. He has admitted to every element of the charges . . . His conduct leaves no doubt that he did this deliberately and willfully", Smith added.

Antinori said proof that Douglass broke a law deliberately was not enough. He said as the case was a criminal case — not a civil suit — that "willfully" must be defined as having a "bad intent".

Douglass contended in his testimony Friday he was upholding the U.S. Constitution by his actions. He said U.S. income taxes are being used to aid "enemy countries" — citing the U.S.S.R.

Prior to their deliberation, Judge Tjoflat instructed the jury, stating they should disregard the defendant's political views or his motive.

At the trial's conclusion Douglass called the verdict "a tragedy."

He said the jury didn't understand what he was trying to do — to uphold a higher law, (The Constitution) rather than an IRS law "which is being used to destroy our nation."

"The jury will, in the future, regret what it has done," he added.

He said if jurors had returned a not guilty verdict they would be subject to harassment by the IRS.

"If the jury had deliberated for four or five hours," he said, "rather than 30 minutes, I would feel I had a fair

"They ignored all my evidence . . . they just wanted to get to lunch."

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Douglass Testifies In Tax Trial

By JILL CHAMBERLIN

Herald-Tribune Staff Writer

A 12-member jury in a Tampa U.S. District Court Friday heard Sarasota physician Dr. William Douglass testify he was "upholding the U.S. Constitution" when he failed to file fiscal information with the Internal Revenue Service in 1966 and 1967.

The testimony constituted the main defense for Douglass, who is accused by the federal government of two counts of withholding information about his income.

Following his testimony the jury was excused while presiding Judge Gerald Tjoflat heard the prosecuting Asst. U.S. State Atty., Hugh Smith, claim futilely the testimony was irrelevant and should be stricken from the record.

Douglass's testimony followed the prosecution's earlier parade of document-bearing witnesses — almost 30 — who were subpoenaed by the prosecution to prove that Douglass had an income considerably over the \$600 figure which is the base-figure which defines who must pay income tax.

Their claims indicated he had an income in excess of \$20,000 for both years under consideration in the case.

The government contends Douglass willfully broke the law when he submitted 1040 forms, both years, to the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury that omitted fiscal income data. Across the tax form, Douglass admitted, he had scrawled the words, "Under Protest."

Smith told the jury that proof beyond a reasonable doubt that Douglass failed to file fiscal information with the IRS in 1966 and 1967 was a substantiation of guilt.

Douglass's attorney has contended throughout the trial that he did not willfully break a law. The defense has admitted in court that the physician, founder of the telephone message "Let Freedom Ring," did withhold information "for good reasons" and as a "protest."

Prior to Douglass's testimony, his attorney, Paul Antinori — a former Hillsboro County state attorney — requested an acquittal.

He agreed the government had presented evidence of deposits and expenditures in Douglass's name for 1966 and 1967. However, Antinori said the government had not proved the money was "income" — a taxable source of cash.

Judge Tjoflat rejected the request after meeting with counsel in his chamber.

Douglass took the stand at 3:15 and spoke with a calm demeanor for almost an hour.

Under questioning from his own attorney, Douglass said he supported some form of government taxation.

However, he said that in 1965 — after "voluminous research" he learned to his "horror and dismay" that the U.S. government was using "your tax monies and my tax monies to support our enemies."

"Something snapped in me," he said. "I knew I couldn't support the deaths of our boys in Vietnam."

"I made a moral decision . . . I don't want to be a martyr . . . I have nothing to gain from this . . . I made a irrevocable decision that I would not continue to support a tax system being used to destroy your country and my country," he told the jury.

He said the Constitution defined treason as "giving aid and comfort to the enemy."

"I maintain our own government is committing treason against the American people."

He said the U.S. has sent machine tools, inedible tallow (used for manufacturing TNT he remarked) polystyrene, nylon cord and computers to "Communistic countries."

He said these were war supplies.

"The computer is the heart of a modern war," he said, adding that his research "proved the United States has sent millions of dollars worth of computers to the U.S.S.R., Hungary and East Germany."

In response to a query about "Let Freedom Ring" Douglass said it is now in more than 100 American cities. He said he founded the telephone message in 1962. He said shortly afterwards, the IRS began to audit him, although, he said, he had submitted proper tax forms to the government, at that time.

He said the IRS is a frequent target of his phone messages.

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The prosecution has indicated he did file "proper" forms with the IRS until 1965. Douglass said he had explained his motives of protest in registered letters to U.S. Secretary of the Treasury H. B. Fowler.

"Did you get a reply from Fowler?" asked Antinori.

"No," replied Douglass.

"Do you continue to be 'under protest' even after criminal charges have been made against you?" the defense asked.

"Yes," he said.

"Will you continue?"

"Yes," he said.

Douglas told the court he was "upholding the Constitution" not knowingly breaking a law.

In cross-examination, Smith prodded the defendant about his attitudes towards high government and IRS officials, outlining his questions from a book Douglass published, "Letters of William Campbell Douglass."

Douglass admitted he called IRS special agent Fred Graham — a key witness for the prosecution — a "hatchet man" and a "professional exterminator."

He justified the name-calling because Graham "represents the evil system that is trying to destroy our country."

Douglass denied the prosecution's suggestion that withholding taxes from the doctor's employees had never been turned over to the government.

In rebuttal testimony, Douglass said "I will not say I intended to break a law — any law."

Earlier in the day, about 15 persons testified for the prosecution with evidence that Douglass had made deposits and expenditures in 1966 and 1967.

On Thursday, at the trial's outset, the defense admitted the money had existed in

those years. Despite this, the prosecution presented at least 30 witnesses to prove the point already admitted.

The reasons for this apparent repetition became clear late Friday afternoon.

Judge Tjoflat told the jury the court would reconvene on Monday at 9:15 a.m. to hear final arguments, receive instruction, and deliberate on the charges.

However, he said, the jury must be advised that the "intent of willfulness is the essential element of the crime . . . The failure to supply information in counts one and two."

He said if the jury was completely convinced by the prosecution that Douglass had deliberately and intentionally, without justifiable excuse, violated a criminal statute, he must be considered guilty.

"Protest is not a form of defense," he said.

He told the jury of a bi-council stipulation that Douglass' "reputation for truth and veracity is good in Sarasota, where he lives," allowing the defense to waive the need for character witnesses.

About 15 persons, including the press, were members of the audience at Friday's trial.

Many of them took frequent recesses in the morning session while the prosecution presented its self-admitted "boring" testimonies about Douglass' finances.

His testimony brought the audience back into the courtroom.

A number of IRS employees watched the proceedings with great interest.

The divorced doctor was accompanied by Ruth Anderson, who described herself as a long-time friend and secretary.

Dr. Douglass Sentenced To Jail

Douglass 'Uncertain' On Course Of Action

Herald-Tribune Staff Writer

Dr. William Douglass, the Sarasota physician who refused to properly file income tax reports, was sentenced Tuesday night to 120 days in jail and placed on five years probation.

The sentence in the case, which has been dragging on since the mid-1960s, came in U.S. District Court in Tampa where on July 10 the doctor was convicted of failing to provide required information on federal returns for 1966 and 1967. Douglass said then it was a form of treason to force taxpayers to support Communist countries.

The court ordered Douglass to serve his term at a civilian-operated prison at Eglin Air Force Base in northwestern Florida.

Sources close to the doctor said Douglass had 30 days to appeal the sentence. He was uncertain last night what action he would take.

The source said Douglass actually was sentenced to a year, but the balance was suspended.

Prison facilities at Eglin Air Force Base, located less than 100 miles east of Pensacola, are entirely under civilian administration, said a spokesman. Prisoners are sentenced there for non-violent crimes, he reported.

The prison has been in operation for the last 10 years under the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Prisons.

There are no bars, said the spokesman, who described it

as a minimum security prison for men only.

"The prisoners have pretty much what they want," he said.

The 500 prisoners are assigned various jobs — some attend school or take vocational training the spokesman reported.

The prisoners live in semi-military units and eat their meals in cafeteria-type dining halls.

Douglass filed only his name, address and the words "under protest" on the forms.

"We have seen that Dr. Douglass had not paid to the U.S. government one penny of income tax since 1965 although he has been allowed to practice medicine and make money," said Asst. Atty. Hugh Smith, prosecutor in the case.

Douglass is the founder of the political telephone network, "Let Freedom Ring."

Visiting U.S. Dist. Judge Gerald Tjoflat of Jacksonville, who presided over the three-day trial, returned to Tampa Tuesday for the sentencing. The judge stipulated that during Douglass' probation period he was to properly file all income tax returns.

The 12-member jury found Douglass guilty after deliberating about 40 minutes.

"If they had deliberated for four or five hours I would feel I had a fair trial," Douglass said afterward. "They ignored all my evidence, all they wanted to do was get to lunch."

Douglass testified at the trial that he had made a "moral decision not to contribute to a tax system that is being used to destroy your children, our children and our country," by supporting Communist causes.

He said he came to this conclusion when he learned that while fighting a war in Vietnam the U.S. government also was supplying "war materials" to Communist governments.

He said it was "reasonable" to force a taxpayer to pay money that would support Communist countries.

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Doctor Who Fought Taxes Is Sentenced

By PHILIP MORGAN
Tribune Staff Writer

William C. Douglass, the Sarasota doctor who protested the government's spending policies by not filing complete income-tax information, was sentenced yesterday to a 120-day prison term and five years' probation by a federal judge in Tampa.

Federal Judge Gerald Tjoflat also sentenced yesterday one man to five years in prison and gave another probation for crimes relating to the theft of a \$100,000 jeweled elephant and ivory figurines from the home of Davis Islands resident Mrs. David A. Falk two years ago.

DR. DOUGLASS, founder of the "Let Freedom Ring" telephone service, had been convicted July 4 by a federal jury of failure to file proper income-tax information for 1966 and 1967. Since 1965, Douglass had submitted tax returns with only his name and address and the words "under protest" on them.

Judge Tjoflat said a pre-sentence investigation on Douglass "doesn't show any adverse information" except his failure to file the returns.

Douglass' attorney, Paul Antinori, in asking Tjoflat for

consideration because "he (Douglass) is much-needed by his profession" as a physician, said his client "has certainly learned a tremendous lesson."

Trial testimony brought out that Douglass had not filed complete Form 1040 tax information between 1965 and 1971, however he was convicted for failure to file only in 1966 and 1967.

IN HIS ARGUMENT before the court, Douglass cited U.S. foreign aid, specifically the sale of computers to the Soviet Union, as what he called unconstitutional use of public monies by the government.

Douglass told the jury he decided not to pay his taxes when he found out that while fighting a war in Vietnam, the U.S. Government was supplying "war materials" to Communist governments, saying that computers are used in warfare.

In giving him the light sentence and the five years' probation, Tjoflat made the provision that Douglass "make timely and proper" income-tax returns in the future.

Douglass, who was given until 9 a.m. Oct. 5 to clear his affairs before going to prison, still could face civil suits to collect the back taxes the gov-

ernment contends that he owes.

IN THE THEFT case, Tjoflat sentenced Phillip Reeves Sims, 28, of 1808 W. Burke, to five years in prison, a term to run concurrently with a 12 1/2-year sentence (now under appeal) from the state for attempted breaking and entering Dec. 8, 1971.

Daniel Thomas Cooper, 25, 4408 W. Tampania, on whom Tjoflat said he found "no adverse information" in a pre-sentence investigation, was given three years probation.

The two pleaded guilty July 26 to conspiracy to dispose of stolen property, just moments before their trial was to begin in federal court.

Charges had stemmed from the burglary Feb. 9, 1970, of the Davis Islands home of Mrs. Falk, widow of a prominent Tampa businessman. Sims had been charged with selling and trying to sell several items from the Falk collection in Indianapolis; Chicago; and St. Charles, Mo.

COOPER WAS accused of trying to collect \$1,000 for part of the goods in St. Louis.

Taken during the robbery were numerous hand-carved antique Chinese figurines and a diamond-studded elephant.

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Valrico — Allow me to congratulate Times Staff Writer Lowell Langford for his excellent writeup on the Florida Ku Klux Klan and his interview of John Paul Rogers in The Times Jan. 12:

This is the first newspaper article on the Klan I have ever seen that didn't endeavor to be little, smear and ridicule the organization.

The Times editorial, "Can the Klan Come Back?" of Jan. 13, took the usual stance, though, with subtle attempts to ridicule and impugn. I have news for you, mister. The Klan is already back. It has never been gone.

While not a member myself, I know the Klan stands for true American values and always has.

I stand with the newly formed and chartered "Nationalist"

Voice
of
the people

White Party." This is the party that will unify the white race and drive our enemies from power. The creators of Communism — or Marxism, if you prefer — are the enemies of mankind and are responsible for the flood of filth, dope, immorality, mind and race pollution being promoted by television, movies and written material.

Being a "responsible conservative" means you will not effectively combat Marxism. Let's take off the gloves and smash these blood-sucking parasites.

HERMAN TALLEY

Which Plan Least Inflationary?

Identify party &
advise BIA
areas of support
offices

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Herex copy of the Minutemen mailing has been channeled to
157-3336-1A

COPIES

1 - 157-3336 (Minutemen)
1 - 157-5136 (Nat'l White Party)

ACTION

1. Return original to SA [REDACTED]
for authentication.
2. Channel info to proper file.

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January 13, 1971
Tampa, Florida

On January 13, 1971, a member of the Minutemen at Tampa, Florida, furnished a copy of a general mailing to Minutemen members by Minutemen headquarters. This mailing consisted of a copy of the November 1, 1970, issue of, "On Target;" a letter dated December 5, 1970, summing up Minutemen activities during 1970; and a monthly report form.

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The Minutemen member in Tampa knows of no activity by the Minutemen organization in the area. He is not acquainted with [REDACTED] the National White Party, and can furnish no information about either.

The Minutemen member has not been contacted by any other Minutemen member, and has heard of no planned sabotage by the organization which might involve property of the U. S. Government or the FBI.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-5136) (P)

DATE: 6/9/71

FROM : SUPERVISOR # 4

SUBJECT: NATIONALIST WHITE PARTY (NWP)
RM - NWP

On 5/28/71,

[REDACTED] sent a letter to the Tampa Office enclosing a copy of the Creed of the NATIONALIST WHITE PARTY (NWP) and a copy of a membership application of the NWP. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] felt that the Tampa Office of the FBI would be interested in this organization because of its apparent ultraright, white hate-type beliefs.

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The copy of the Creed and the membership application will be placed in the IA section of Tampa file 157-5136.

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A review of Tampa File 157-5136 reflects that captioned organization is headquartered at Lighthouse Point, Florida, which is in the Miami Division. Accordingly, it is requested that the Agent assigned to this case send a communication to the Miami Division for background information concerning this organization and to determine if Miami has an active investigation of the organization.

② - Tampa
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Cover Sheet for Informant Report or Material
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Info re NSWPP, NSRP,
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- 1 - 157-45
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- 1 - 157-4644

(National States Rights Party)

(" Socialist White Peoples
Party)

(National White Party)

([REDACTED])

([REDACTED])

(Fla. Coalition of Patriotic
Societies)

([REDACTED])

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-7) (P)

DATE: 7/14/71

b7C FROM : SA [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: NATIONALIST WHITE PARTY
RM

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[REDACTED]

(14)-Tampa

- (1 - 157-7) (NSWPP)
- (1 - 157-5136 (NWP))
- (1 - 157-4644) [REDACTED]
- (1 - 157-5005) [REDACTED]
- (2 - 157-New) [REDACTED]
- (2 - 157-New) [REDACTED]
- (1 - 170-1464) [REDACTED]
- (1 - 157-3164) [REDACTED]
- (1 - 157-4453) [REDACTED]
- (1 - 157-4250) [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, TAMPA (157-5136)

DATE: 7/21/71

FROM : *JKW* SAC, MIAMI (157-4180) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONALIST WHITE PARTY (NWP)
RM - NWP
(OO - MM)

For the information of Tampa, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] has advised this organization is actually a propaganda and letter-writing organization. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] said that the organization does not hold meetings and is actually of no significance as far as an organized white hate group is concerned.

✓ The Miami Office is preparing a report on this organization [REDACTED]. Copies of this report will be furnished the Tampa Division.

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(2) - Tampa (RM)
1 - Miami
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COPIES

1 - Alexandria (157-1)

ACTION

1. Open 157-New on Jerry Jackson.

1 - Jacksonville

2. Index "The Sword of Truth" newspaper to 157-7.

1 - Miami (Nationalist White Party)

3. Return original FD-306 to SA _____ for authentication. b7C

1 - 157-7 (NSWPP)

4. Channel info to proper file.

① - 157-5136

5. Paraphrase to protect source.

(NWP)

1 - 157-2778

1 - 157-3277

1 - 157-3164

1 - 157-

1 - 157-1990

1 - 157-4644

1 - 157-5158

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In addition to his oral report, Informant furnished the following printed material:

1. NS Bulletin #91 dated 1 August 1971;
2. NS Bulletin #92 dated 15 August 1971;
3. NSWPP news release dated 1 August 1971, announcing the NSWPP Congress;
4. A flyer describing and picturing the "regulation ST uniform."
5. "White Power" newspaper, No. 19, dated August, 1971;
6. "The Sword of Truth," Volume 1, No. 1, of a newspaper allegedly published by NSWPP member, [REDACTED] b7C

Item 6 has been furnished the Jacksonville Division by routing slip..

Item 4 has been filed in the exhibit section of 157-7.

The other items were reviewed, found to contain nothing of investigative or evidentiary interest, and were destroyed.

It was noted in Items 1 and 2, that car pools going to the NSWPP Congress were listed as being in Clearwater, Gainesville, and Orlando, Florida.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/23/71

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (157-4180) (P*)

SUBJECT: NATIONALIST WHITE PARTY (NWP)
EXTREMIST MATTERS - WHITE HATE GROUPS
(OO: MIAMI)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. One copy of this LHM is being disseminated to U. S. Secret Service, Miami, Florida.

One copy of this letter and LHM is being furnished to Tampa and one copy to Jacksonville, in view of past and possible future activity of the NWP within the territories of those offices.

This case is being placed in a pending inactive status due to the current inactivities of the organization, but the potential is its reactivation.

Enclosed LHM is classified confidential to insure the protection of the identity of valuable sources whose exposure may be detrimental to the internal security of the government.

LEAD

MIAMI

At Miami, Florida:

Will, in March, 1972, recontact sources to determine whether or not the NWP has reactivated.

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 8)
- 1 - Jacksonville (Enc. 1) (Info)
- ① - Tampa (157-5136) (Enc. 1) (Info)
- 4 - Miami (2 - 157-4180)
 - (1 - 157-3464) [REDACTED]
 - (1 - 157-3720) [REDACTED]

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JCK:nlg
(S)

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Dec 1970
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RE: NATIONALIST WHITE PARTY (NWP)

The third source on September 15, 1971, furnished a copy of a publication called "Racial Loyalty", which is described as a publication of the NWP, Volume I. This publication consists namely of "Fifty Phoney Arguments Used By Kosher Konservatives to Confuse Gentiles and Protect the Jews", [REDACTED] This is a four page publication. The fifty arguments include the following:

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Russia is controlled by Jews and the Jews want Israel to become the central seat of a world government and the future home of the Jewish United Nations.

Communism is a Jewish concept of government... Communism is a Jewish creation, tool designed to enslave the world under a Jewish dictatorship.

Communism is a Jewish conspiracy created to destroy the White Race through mongrelization, annihilation, and degeneration.

Jews do not consider themselves as part of the White Race.

We must drive the Jews from power...in government, finances, education, and propaganda. In short, render them incapable of destroying us.

Jews control the news media in the United States and, therefore, do not report the tremendous power they have in the United States.

Jews are inferior to the White Race...but achieved their power through conspiracy, bribery, theft, murder, lies... by banning together in the fanatic hatred towards the White Race.

Jews are a race not a religion.

The only way to really fight the Jew is direct confrontation and all out warfare as FRANCO did successfully in Spain.

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Dec 1970
6/30/71

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RE: NATIONALIST WHITE PARTY (NWP)

Jews are the original hate group.

Jews are the slave trader who brought Negroes to the United States and the Negroes should be returned to Africa.

HITLER did not kill 6,000,000 Jews and this misrepresentation has been extremely useful to the Jews.

Conservative organizations do a great harm when they do not expose Jews. Some are Jewish controlled so the Jews can have some control over the opposition. Jews are not God's chosen people. The chosen people were those Israelites who fulfilled the commandments and commandments of God. Those that did are Christians and were the chosen people not the Jews.

The third source, on June 15, 1971, described the membership card used by the NWP. He said this card states "This is to certify that _____ is a member of the NWP having pledged his loyalty to the creed of the party, the party itself and the White Race". On the bottom is the slogan "racial loyalty is basic to survival".

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A fourth source reported on September 7, 1971, that late in 1970, _____ formed an organization called the NWP and intended to use it as a means to alert and arouse the white Christians. The organization was formed by himself and associates _____.

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The organization never did actually get off the ground and for all practical purposes never actually existed. Some membership applications were accepted from people in Florida, mainly from the Jacksonville and Tampa areas. There have been only three membership applications received since June, 1971. There is no chapter in existence and no meetings are held.
[Redacted]

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[Signature]

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RE: NATIONALIST WHITE PARTY (NWP)

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The third source reported on June 15, 1971, and again on September 15, 1971, that the NWP is not meeting and has never held meetings in the Pompano Beach, Florida, area. It appears to be solely a propaganda organization which has not been very effective.

The second source reported on July 28, 1971, that the NWP as it was then existing in the St. Petersburg, Florida, area, was having no success in recruiting new members and does not appear that it will function in the St. Petersburg, Florida, area.

The first source reported on July 27, 1971, that it appears as if  has lost interest in the NWP.

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The first source reported on August 20, 1971, that it appears that the NWP is defunct in the Tampa Bay, Florida, area.

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*Reckson
8/20/71*

RE: NATIONALIST WHITE PARTY (NWP)

The second source reported on August 24, 1971,
the NWP does not exist as an organization in the Tampa
Bay area of Florida.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished
to the United States Secret Service, Miami, Florida.

This document contains neither recommendations
nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the
FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents
are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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*Reckson
8/20/71*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-4180

Miami, Florida
September 23, 1971

Title NATIONALIST WHITE PARTY (NWP)

Character EXTREMIST MATTERS - WHITE HATE GROUPS

Reference is made to letterhead memorandum
dated and captioned as above at
Miami, Florida.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable
information in the past.

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INFO. RE NSWPP, [REDACTED]

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ACTION

4- JACKSONVILLE (RM)

1. Disseminate copies.

1- NSWPP

2. Read info. only;
not reduced to
writing.

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1- NATIONALIST SOCIALIST PARTY

1- OREN F. PETITO

1- MIAMI (RM)

1- NATIONALIST SOCIALIST PARTY

3- TAMPA

1- NSWPP (157-7)

(157-5144)

1- NATIONALIST SOCIALIST PARTY

OREN F. PETITO

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OREN F. PETITO of Ocala, Fla., former "right wing type leader" has sold the Nationalist Socialist Party a mailing list of "right wing individuals," and he is doing the printing for the Nationalist Socialist Party. This group is a typical anti-Jewish organization which was recently formed [REDACTED]

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